



San Antonio Public Library Director's Report May 2021

San Antonio Public Library's (SAPL) Texana & Genealogy partnered with Texas Public Radio (TPR) to provide interesting looks at San Antonio history in celebration of National Preservation Month.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar serves on the Board of the Local Government Hispanic Network (LGHN) and participated in a Board Meeting on May 7, 2021. On May 11, he met with LGHN Executive Director Karen Davis to begin discussions regarding the possibility of a San Antonio Chapter of LGHN.

On May 12, Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar and Assistant Director Dale McNeill met with representatives from the San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) regarding a potential partnership opportunity as SAHA reopens their Section 8 Waiting List.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar met with San Antonio Public Library Foundation Board Chair Hanna Rochelle and Executive Director Amy Hone regarding the 2021 Catrina Ball.

On May 14, Mr. Salazar attended a Department Head Meeting scheduled by City Manager Erik Walsh to discuss the reopening plans for the City of San Antonio Departments and Services.

Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar participated on a panel discussion on Monday, May 17 regarding e-books. The panel discussion was recorded for the US Book Show *Libraries Are Essential* program.

As Immediate Past President of the Public Library Association, Ramiro S. Salazar participated in the Public Library Association Board Meeting on May 21, 2021.

Assistant Donellan Kathy Donellan represented the Library at the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting on May 23, 2021.

MARKETING

San Antonio Public Library offering mental health programs, resources free of charge

May is Mental Health Awareness Month; town hall on KSAT.com to take place on Wednesday



KSAT 12 featured SAPL's celebration of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month in a dedicated article which highlighted SAPL's events occurring throughout the month, a link to the SAPL Guide, and a link to the reading list.

KSAT 12 mentioned San Antonio Public Libraries as places to vote for the runoff elections.

TPR aired multiple "Literary Moments" segments featuring SAPL's Texana & Genealogy department in a partnership for National Preservation Month.

Multiple outlets reported on SAPL's updated services which include unlimited browsing and public computer use.

KSAT 12 highlighted SAPL's resources for students in their weekly "KSAT Kids" column.

KENS 5 reported live from outside Brook Hollow Library in a segment about early voting. The reporter mentioned that Brook Hollow is typically one of the busiest voting sites.

KSAT 12 aired a live segment and published an article with an interview with Cresencia Huff that highlighted SAPL resources for Mental Health Awareness Month.

Social Media fun facts for the reporting period:

- SAPL's social media generated 537,554 impressions
- SAPL's social media following base grew by 142 new fans
- Content shared across Facebook, Twitter and Instagram contributed to users engaging with our posts 19,038 times.

Social Media statistics for the month:

- Twitter: 5,550 followers
- Facebook: 21,138 followers
- Instagram: 7,116 followers

Graphics

The Graphics Team created materials for a variety of programs and events during this reporting period, including graphics and signage for summer reading and other summer programs such as Explore Opera; design of the new SAPL outreach paleta card; promotions and information to public as more Library services resume; and social media for ongoing online Library programs.

DIGITAL SERVICES

On May 4, Digital Services Coordinator Adam Spana met with Assistant Director for Support Services Kathy Donellan, Assistant Director for Public Services Dale McNeill, Public Services Administrator Haley Holmes, Coordinator of Children's Services Cresencia Huff and Organizational Health Manager Roberta Sparks to discuss Ms. Sparks' efforts to create a studio at the Central Library for the production of content for the Library's online programming efforts.

On May 5, Mr. Spana attended a meeting with Ms. Donellan, Library Services Administrator Ron Suszek, Performance and Innovation Manager Randall Polasek and Department Fiscal Administrator Gabriella

Rauschuber to refine plans for technology projects to submit for budget consideration for Fiscal Year 2022.

On May 13, Mr. Spana and Digital Library Services Supervisor Rolf Laun met with Public Information Officers Victoria Villarreal and Reyna Martinez to plan updates to the newsletter subscription form hosted on mysapl.org.

On May 18, Mr. Laun along with Cataloging Services Supervisor Katie Enright and Teen Services Librarian Amy Weaver finalized the process for creating a Non-Fiction Young Adult collection.

On May 24, Mr. Spana served as a panelist interviewing applicants for the Marketing Department's Senior Public Information Officer position.

Team Digital Services Trivets, composed of all Digital Services staff, won third place in the Staff Trivia contest held on May 21.

Digital Services Analyst Tricia Masterson provided training for managers on Symphony's reporting tool BLUEcloud Analytics on May 11 & May 26.

On May 26, Digital Library Services Assistant Christina Hess attended Mirrors, Windows, and Doors for Young Children hosted by SAPL's Little Read Wagon.

Ms. Masterson attended webinar WTS-SAR Webinar: "Creating the Post-Pandemic City" sponsored by the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization on May 26.

LITTLE READ WAGON

Little Read Wagon (LRW) staff delivered a new series of internal staff training in conjunction with Organizational Health. San Antonio Public Library staff can take the 30-minute introduction to "Mirrors, Windows and Doors for Young Children" in May, June and July before the July roll-out of a two-hour workshop called "Continuing the Conversation: Reflecting on Identity-Affirming Library Services for Children." Staff feedback has been positive and LRW hopes that these trainings are only the beginning of discussions of equitable library services for all young children and families in the San Antonio community.

Families with children enrolled in Avance Early Head Start programs gathered in two large virtual meetings this month. The families all have children in the birth to three-year-old range. Julia Lazarin facilitated a discussion for English-speaking families on Tuesday, June 11 in the evening. Eva Banda presented an "Amor y Aprendizaje" workshop on Tuesday, June 18th in Spanish. The programs were exceptionally well received by both families and staff on both occasions. An intentional shift towards more sharing, discussion, and research-based validation of families' experiences is likely the reason for the success of the events. Recognizing the simple and varied ways that families are supporting their child's early development, especially neural development, provided an affirming experience of connection among families as well with Little Read Wagon staff. Each family received a board book that was delivered to the center.

Ms. Banda was welcomed back for a bilingual Story Time virtual outreach through Zoom for the children at the Navarro Learning Center. Clair Larkin presented a second Story Time in English for the center. The center staff offered positive feedback and requested the continuation of the program for the fall 2021 and Spring 2022.

Ms. Larkin held the final workshop of the school year with teen parents from Sam Houston and Highlands High Schools. Ms. Larkin created kits to support at home play opportunities during the summer heat that included tools for water play, drawing and writing tools, a Five Little Ducks Take-and-Make and several books for building a library.

Megan Cruz and Ms. Larkin presented the final “More Mirrors, Windows and Doors” early childhood teacher training of the 2020-2021 school year. The training was well received overall with many positive comments on the post training survey. Planning is underway for the 2021-2022 training series with a hybrid offering of in-person and virtual training under consideration.

Ms. Cruz and Ms. Larkin packed and delivered 381 books to Pre-K 4 SA centers to celebrate the accomplishment of the remote students. The books were given to those students who remained learning online throughout the school year at their graduation drive thru events on May 27. Ms. Cruz presented to Family Service Head Start about library services and reopening plans.

CHILDREN’S (SYSTEM-WIDE)

May was filled with celebrations and preparations. On May 1 the children’s services team continued Día: Children’s Day, Book Day festivities with special Toddler and Baby Time Online Live programs. Several locations also began displaying StoryWalk® stories, encouraging families to enjoy a variety of books while approaching the library doors or walking a nearby trail. Unfortunately, there have been some instances of theft and damage to the displays. Nevertheless, the installations have been a good means of connecting families with stories while enjoying the outdoors. Online guest book comments include: “Such a nice surprise. My 4-year-old ran ahead of me and had to wait for me to read to him!” “Such an interesting way to bring recognition to a book. Loved it — the words, the illustrations, the walk, loved all it! So thankful for our community library (Schaefer).” “This is very pretty that you guys do this, thank you. -Evelyn”

Preparations for the summer library program continued as teams of children’s librarians put the finishing touches on the LibGuide, submitted Trumba events calendar entries, sorted Take-and-Make materials, edited promotional videos, and learned how to use the new spreadsheet to track children’s registration. Several thousand children’s summer activity logs were delivered to area school districts that agreed to distribute them along with books they were offering their students. Children’s summer library program committee co-chairs Kate Simpson (Central) and Leslie Elsasser (Schaefer) joined Cresencia Huff (Coordinator of Children’s Services) and Jeannette Davies (Collins Garden) to record a podcast episode about summer reading for the Texas Library Association.

New Sesame Street puppeteer, Bradley Freeman, joined the children’s services team via WebEx on May 12 to share the story of his journey to Sesame Street. Mr. Freeman talked about why his character on the show, Wesley Walker, is so important in helping children and parents talk about race and related issues. He also shared some Sesame Street trivia and puppetry tips. San Antonio Public Library Literacy Caravan staff members Jenn Tristan and Kristen Mendoza joined the group and the team is invited to continue attending Children’s Services meetings.

The Citywide Battle of the Bluebonnets was held May 26 via Zoom. Teams of children participated from Edgewood, San Antonio, and Harlandale independent school districts. San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) children’s librarians contributed to the competition by writing questions for the competition about each of the books from the 2020 Bluebonnet list.

Ms. Huff and Jennifer Velasquez (Coordinator of Teen Library Services) began meeting with a panel of judges to select poems for the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition. The competition timeline was impacted by the pandemic. However, the judges were eager to review the submissions.

Ms. Huff continues to work with community partners by participating in meetings such as the City of San Antonio Department of Human Services Head Start education advisory committee and United Way ReadyKidSA work group. She also had the opportunity to share SAPL offerings for all ages related to Mental Health Awareness Month in an interview with KSAT.

TEENS (SYSTEM-WIDE) / TEEN LIBRARY @ CENTRAL

Due to the Central Library closure, the Teen Library @ Central staff continued to work on a variety of projects and tasks that had system-wide impacts during the month of May.

Virtual Teen Programs and Activities — The 210teenlibrary Discord workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza (Assistant Manager, Teen Library @ Central) and consisting of Teen Services Librarians and Liaisons from around the system, worked with off-site teen volunteers (“Teen Mods”) to host seven weekly virtual teen programs on Discord (“the server”) along with additional activities and events. With Teen Summer 2021 approaching, teens and Teen Mods provided suggestions for virtual summer programming on the server, including changes to program days/times and new program ideas. Additionally, teens continue to provide suggestions for the overall benefit of the server, including a new LGBTQ+ channel titled “Rainbow Ballroom” as voted on by teens. Overall, teens and Teen Mods continue to use the server as a place to connect with new friends, share their interests, express their identities, and create a positive and inclusive space for all teens.

For the 210teenlibrary Instagram page, Regina Almanza (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) has been creating graphics and videos for posts and stories. These items include teen interest content, young adult fiction books, and highlight general library services. Regina will also evaluate and brand teen-created content for posting as well. Regina presented two Instagram Live programs, one of which with Library Assistant Ciana Flores featured instructions on how to make Japanese fruit sandwiches. Questions received from teens during that segment showed an interest in the library’s return to full service and the upcoming Teen Summer Program. With behind the scenes prep, Regina assisted in the first-ever Live presented by a teen, coordinated by Edward Mayberry (Teen Services Liaison, Guerra). New teen volunteer Jayden presented a fantastic cooking demonstration on making the popular Hawaiian comfort food *moco loco* in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Comments during the segment included teens and other teen libraries expressing awe at Jayden’s skills and presentation.

JD Elizondo (Library Assistant, Teen Library @ Central) continues to participate on SAPL’s Tuned In podcast, helping to interview, record and edit. During the reporting period, JD and Rebecca Martinez (Circulation Attendant, San Pedro) interviewed San Antonio Poet Laureate Andrea “Vocab” Sanderson for the podcast. JD also met with Carver Cultural Center Supervisor Ernie Ramirez to discuss the development of a podcast at the Carver as well as participation on a Tuned In episode. JD continues to assist in TelRef at Central on Thursdays and at Igo Library twice a week.

Ciana Flores (Library Assistant PT, Teen Library @ Central) continues to engage with teens via the 210teenlibrary Instagram page. Ciana takes both teen and staff content and presents it as posts and stories, as well as creating indirect programming. She continues to participate in Instagram Live videos with Teen Library staff. Ciana has continued to respond to the 3D printing requests from teens on the

Discord server. She prints and sends the requested item out to the teens' preferred library branch for pick up. Ciana also records and submits all monthly statistics associated with the 210teenlibrary Instagram account.

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons, Amisarahi Sarabia (SAPL's Teen Outreach Specialist) hosts "Quarantunes," an Instagram challenge where teens submit their favorite tunes to the 210teenlibrary account, and then Amisarahi and Matthew Loaiza create a Spotify playlist at the end of the week. She also created Instagram story templates that teens filled out and interacted with. In addition, Amisarahi developed and posted teen-created content to upload on the 210teenlibrary Instagram page as well as activities on Instagram stories. Amisarahi also joins Matthew to host Music Mondays on the 210teenlibrary Discord server.

Kathleen Fordyce (Manager, Teen Library @ Central) served as the library's contact for the SA Food Bank and coordinated the registration and training sign-up for the five participating library locations, which include: Bazan, Carver, Central, Collins Garden and Johnston. Free lunches will be available on a "grab and go" basis for children and teens from June 22 to August 5 at these library locations. Kathleen also continues to serve as a member of the Teen Summer workgroup, the Teen Services Discord team, the YA Nonfiction workgroup, and the SAPL Incident Reporting System workgroup. Kathleen joins Connie Hejl (Teen Services Librarian I, Las Palmas) Thursdays on Discord to host the "Random Fandom" club, where teens engage in discussions about different fandoms that interest them, play games and music, and more. During the summer the teens decided to add anime days to Random Fandom, where anime shows are live-streamed on Discord and then a discussion about them takes place.

Virtual Teen Pride Hybrid Event – The Teen Pride workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza and consisting of Chris Castillo (Teen Services Librarian I, Great Northwest), Dacari Lambert (Teen Services Librarian I, Schaefer) and Shannan Prukop (Teen Services Librarian I, Johnston), collaborated with Gideon Del Rio (Youth Facilitator, Fiesta Youth) to create a hybrid partnership program for teens on May 25 titled "Rainbow Films: Shorts Night." A thoughtful selection of live action, animated, and music videos around LGBTQ+ themes and subjects were simultaneously streamed in-person at Fiesta Youth and on the 210teenlibrary Discord server, and teens were also able to request "Pride Packs" for pickup at a library – which included prepackaged snacks, an exclusive button with integrated bookmark, pride flag, and a SAPL Teen Pride branded sticker and pencil. 30 teens attended the hybrid event in-person at Fiesta Youth and 15 teens attended virtually through the 210teenlibrary Discord server. Additionally, Dacari and Shannan attended Fiesta Youth's weekly meeting on May 18 to promote this program, Teen Services' current offerings for teens, and Teen Summer 2021 to 34 in-person teens and 8 virtual teens at Fiesta Youth.

Virtual Teen Content and Resources — The 210teenlibrary Instagram workgroup, led by Matthew Loaiza and consisting of Amisarahi Sarabia, Ciana Flores, and Regina Almanza, shared information, resources, activities, and other content for/by teens on Instagram. Off-site teen volunteers are able to express their skills and interests through the content they create for Instagram; additionally, Teen Services staff from around the system supplement the content with relevant resources. Highlights from the reporting period include a trinket dish for Mother's Day, a book list for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, a tutorial on embroidering a tote bag, and several additional Stories.

ADULTS (SYSTEM-WIDE)

In May, the Library celebrated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with a wide range of online programs and activities. The Library hosted a total of 8 online programs throughout the month. Highlights included a program on the musical instrument tabla, which is a pair of twin hand drums originating from

the Indian subcontinent. Vinayak Astekar, a Tabla Professional from the Hindu Swayam Sevak Organization, demonstrated how to play this unique instrument and answered questions from the audience. Another highlight from the month was a discussion of the art of Japanese noh, one of the world's most iconic masked theatre forms. This discussion was led by Theatre Nohgaku, who focused on the beautiful, haunting, and sometimes terrifying masks of noh, including a selection of performance videos and a chance to see a number of performance masks, including many by master artisan Hideta Kitazawa. Finally, a Take-and-Make was offered at library locations systemwide. This kit - a Kpop Mini Journaling kit - allowed community members to explore the world of Korean pop (Kpop) music.

In May, the Library also recognized Older Americans Month to celebrate the contributions of older individuals to our community and our country. SAPL recognized this observance through a total of nine online programs. Highlights included a series of three Cane Fu programs. Cane Fu is a basic self-defense program that incorporates a cane. Presenter Mr. Robert Anguiano shared his experience of learning that a cane is useful in many ways. Another highlight from the month was a session of Old Time Trivia. This engaging program tested participants' knowledge of fascinating things from their past. Subjects included film, music, politics, literature and history. Finally, a Late Bloomers bookmark was made available at all library locations. This bookmark celebrated the contributions of individuals like Julia Child, who wrote her first cookbook at the age of 49 and hosted her first TV cooking show at the age of 51.



Throughout the month of May, the Library hosted a Virtual Fandom Marathon. This program kicked off on May 4th (Star Wars Day) and encouraged the community to be physically active. For each 2 miles of physical activity completed (walking, running, swimming, biking, hopping, skipping, jumping or crawling - all forward motion counted), participants could earn a button from ten fandoms available at ten library locations. These fandoms included Pokémon, Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Star Trek, and Super Mario. Anyone that completed 26.2 miles of forward motion (the distance of a marathon) could pick up a Medal from Central Library.

CENTRAL LIBRARY CHILDREN @ CENTRAL



SAPL Tiny Tots: Songs With Ms. Ashley!



SAPL Story Time: Night Owl



SAPL en Español: Pepe and the Parade

Each of the Central Children's department librarians had YouTube video premieres in May. Librarian Ashley Stubbs' video of songs for tiny tots was very popular. Assistant Manager Shannon Seglin shared a

story and featured her owl puppet, while Librarian Olivia Escovedo read a book in Spanish for the SAPL en Español YouTube playlist.

Preparation for the Summer Reading Program ramped up in May. Manager Kate Simpson, Co-Chair of the 2021 Summer Reading Program Committee, led the group of San Antonio Public Library Children's Librarians in a "Countdown to Summer" meeting to get everyone ready and excited about the upcoming busy season. Ms. Simpson also attended an Urban Library Council webinar about evidence-based planning for future summer reading programs, along with SAPL's Coordinator for Children's Services. Ms. Seglin supported the system-wide Summer Reading Program by helping to pack supplies for Take-and-Make kits that were sent out to all locations for distribution to children in June.

All Central Children's librarians teamed up to present a series of virtual presentations to students at Bonham Elementary School during the last week in May to promote SAPL's Summer Reading Program. Altogether, the librarians connected with over 200 students, a different grade level each morning, over the course of the week. Enthusiastic students were thrilled to hear about the virtual "Summer with SAPL" fun in store for them and excited about setting their own reading goal this year.

Ms. Seglin, Ms. Stubbs and Ms. Escovedo were very active in online Story Times. Ms. Seglin presented a live virtual Toddler Time program and shared mindfulness exercises with the children. She also created a book list highlighting books with LGBTQIA+ themes for children, in addition to a book list all about LEGOs. Ms. Escovedo participated in Game Time and the new Among Us video game program for tweens. Ms. Stubbs supported the Tiny Tots weekly program by maintaining their "Books We Love" section of the LibGuide and developing curated online programs.

Central Children's staff continued to develop outreach connections with area child care centers. Ms. Seglin held a live virtual Story Time for children at Madison Square Child Development Center and delivered them books in support of their curriculum. Ms. Stubbs made similar book deliveries to Central Christian Day School.

REFERENCE

Reference staff continue on the frontlines of the Library's virtual reference services. Staff assisted 218 LibAnswer customers and replied to 156 Chat queries in May.

The range of online programming organized or hosted by Reference Team members were designed to inform, encourage, entertain and amuse.

Librarian Vicky Villalobos assisted with the Pop Culture Committee "Fandom Marathon." Buttons were designed as incentives to encourage patrons to meet their marathon goals; Booklists highlighted the fun and diverse collections available to patrons. A medal was awarded to those who completed the marathon.

Ms. Garza and Igo Library Manager Timothy Johnson produce a Library podcast called, "Escape the Earth." Each monthly podcast discusses a science fiction/fantasy book. In the May episode, "Gender Bender vs. Culture Shock vs. Fishing Rights" the hosts discussed the book, "Ancillary Justice" by Anne Leckie. The popular podcast series even has listeners in Germany and Canada.

Programs celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) included demonstrations of Indian musical instruments including the Tabla, a pair of twin hand drums and the Veena, a type of stringed instrument. Musician Vinayak Astekar from the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh performed on the Tabla; Chandana Gadepalli from the Samspra Academy in Austin, Texas performed on the Veena.

Attendees complimented the performance with posts saying, “it’s so beautiful” and “very nicely performed.” A program demonstrating a unique Indian artform also featured in May’s APAHM celebrations. Artists Suneetha Shekar and Poojanag Vinay from the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh Organization demonstrated how to create patterns using dots of colorful materials. The response was enthusiastic with attendees exclaiming, “Awesome!” and “I can’t wait to show this to my granddaughters...” Librarian Pannaga Prasad also facilitated ongoing programs including “Beginners Chair Yoga” where attendees learned special breathing techniques and were able to ask, “are there any yoga poses to help relieve shoulder and neck pain?” Another ongoing and popular program is, “Discover Self-care Through Ayurveda” with Maggie Grueskin, an Ayurvedic yoga specialist.

Reference Librarian Cynthia de Leon co-hosted a Zoom program with Stephen Jackson, a Librarian from the Guerra Library called, “Why Knot: Learn About Ropes, Straps and Chains. This program was part of the Library’s Self-Sufficiency Initiative; participants learned the advantages and disadvantages of using different knots, ropes and straps for activities such as camping and gardening. A bilingual (English/Spanish) vocabulary pertaining to different ropes was also shared.

Librarian Michael Dunbar-Rodney participated in another session of the “Queer Voices Storytelling Workshop” led by local poet, Chibbi Orduña. This Workshop focused on the theme of “finding family.” For many in the LGBTQ+ community family refers, not to blood relationships, but to people who are chosen to be significant in one’s life.

LATINO COLLECTION & RESOURCE CENTER

Interim Latino Collection and Resource Center Program Manager Emily Flores continues to teach Advanced English as a Second Language, Conversational and Civics ESL, along with facilitating an ESL Book Club. The groups meet virtually on a weekly basis and participants have expressed appreciation for the opportunity to connect in this welcoming environment throughout the pandemic. Ms. Flores, with the invaluable assistance of Troy Hoyles, also continues to weed and a large number of donated books.

Ms. Flores continues to work with Manuel Solis, founder of MonteVideo, to plan the upcoming Raza Cómica Film Festival, which is being co-sponsored by the Latino Collection and Resource Center.

Ms. Flores continually seeks and promotes opportunities for cultural engagement to her ESL students. One of Ms. Flores’ ESL students, Nihal Sonmez, had her work published in the adult education magazine The Change Agent’s most recent issue. The article, entitled “Art as Therapy,” explores Ebru, a traditional Turkish art form and how it has supported Ms. Sonmez’s mental health during the pandemic.

TEXANA/ GENEALOGY

In celebration of National Preservation Month, the Texana/Genealogy Department was featured on Texas Public Radio’s “Literary Moments” segments with a selection of eight collection highlights that were aired during the Morning Edition broadcast. Librarian I Sylvia Reyna provided the voiceover for the promotional radio spots detailing various areas of San Antonio history and our efforts at not only preserving, but providing access to these collections. Topics included archival collections featuring La Meri; Perry and Francis Kallison; Vaudeville Theatre; Grand Opera House; Ramos and Bonilla Midwife Records; and the San Antonio Symphony Archives. Also featured in the highlights were the Harry Hertzberg collection and historical information about San Antonio’s Red-Light District.

As committee members, Ms. Reyna and Librarian II Deborah Countess participated in the Library's Older Americans (OA) programming initiative during the month of May. Highlights from the planned events include: a virtual presentation offered by the United States Bone and Joint Initiative titled "Experts in Arthritis," led by Dr. Katie Pierson of Austin on May 20; two virtual genealogy programs, "Getting Started with Genealogy Research" hosted by Ms. Countess on May 15 and "Using Military Records for Genealogy Research" hosted by Librarian I Andrew Crews on May 28; also a live, virtual trivia game on May 17 called "Old Time Trivia" researched, produced and conducted by Ms. Reyna with game scoring and musical support from Ms. Countess. Further, Ms. Reyna assisted with four additional virtual programs for the OA initiative: "Natural Burials" by Susan Everidge on 4 May; "Cane Fu" – self-defense for OAs delivered by Robert Anguiano on May 18 & 25; as well as "Memoir Writing" with Mike Burns on 11 May.

Special Collections Manager Heather Ferguson participated in a virtual conference session titled "All Things Zines" at the Society of Southwest Archivists 2021 Annual Meeting on May 20. The session included three presenters who discussed various aspects of managing and preserving zine collections in Libraries and Archives. The session highlighted initiatives that included creating zines to promote collections and library services; working with the local community to create a collaborative zine; promoting the creation and preservation of zines; and important considerations when starting a zine collection. Ms. Ferguson highlighted activities coordinated by the SAPL Staff Zine Committee, including the Library's Big Read Zine community publication and collection development strategies.

BRANCH LOCATIONS

BAZAN

On May 19 the Bazan branch served as a COVID-19 vaccination site. The clinic, staffed by Metro Health, was one of two at the branch that offered free no appointment vaccines for anyone ages 12 years and up.

Bazan continued as a Snack-Pak distribution branch in May. Children ages 1- 18 who visited the branch could pick up a bag of healthy snacks to take home. The program is made possible with support from the San Antonio Public Library Foundation and Snack Pak 4 Kids.

The Bazan branch *Bad Girls Romance Club* met in May to discuss *How to Fail at Flirting* by Denise Williams. The group loved the book which covered themes such as domestic violence, racism, and toxic relationships. *How to Fail at Flirting* is book one in a series and the group looks forward to *The Fasted Way to Fall*, book two in the series that will be released in November.

The *Bazan Virtual Book Club* also met in May to discuss *When No One is Watching* by Alyssa Cole. Alyssa Cole, who is well known for her romance and historical romance fiction, authored this thriller which revolves around a Brooklyn neighborhood facing gentrification. This book included a sinister twist, which the book club really enjoyed.

BROOK HOLLOW

Brook Hollow Branch patrons have expressed their gratitude to be able to read our newspapers and use the quiet room.

Brook Hollow hosted the run-off election for city council seats during the last week of the month. Once again, we saw lots of voter turnout with a total of over 5,000 ballots cast at the library and a cohort of campaigners stationed outside the library throughout the voting period.

With branch manager Heidi Novotny moving to her new job as the manager of the Central library's reference department, Brook Hollow Assistant Manager Julia Pouliot has taken on the role of Interim Branch Manager. Ms. Pouliot hopes she can do the job justice and carry on the great legacy that Heidi cultivated during her years as the Branch Manager.

Brook Hollow's Children's Librarian Jasmin Salinas along with a team of other Children's Librarians kicked off May by presenting a special Saturday Baby Time Online-Live to celebrate Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros featuring bilingual songs and stories. Also, for Día, Brook Hollow put up a bilingual Story Walk for families to enjoy throughout the month of May. This month, in addition to her routinely held programming, Ms. Salinas also helped to facilitate a special online program for school age children including a second Tween Crochet Time on Zoom and a Read to a Dog Online. Ms. Salinas also did four virtual "Summer with SAPL " promotion Zoom calls with Thousand Oaks Elementary students to talk about the library's summer programs.

During the reporting period Brook Hollow Library Assistants Elissa Vura and Jennifer Olivarez put together 100 branch-specific maker kits that included fun painting activities for families to enjoy. The branch also gave away 100 Take-and-Make craft kits supplied by Children's Services.

Teen Librarian and Branch Interim Manager Julia Pouliot ended her work with the online gaming program for teens this month. The program, which will continue with new teen services hosts, is a spirited online gathering of teens who enjoy video gaming. Ms. Pouliot has heartily enjoyed getting to communicate with teens on the Discord platform. Mr. Pouliot and the Brook Hollow staff gave out twenty shrinky-dinks make and take craft kits to teens this month.

Ms. Pouliot and the teen summer workgroup met at the Teen Library at Central to pack supplies and t-shirt prizes for this summer's program. In total they packed over 1,000 activity kits for teens to enjoy around the city. Ms. Pouliot is proud of the tremendous effort of the workgroup this year and also of our partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department who will help distribute kits to teens at their day camps this summer.

Marco De Leon, Brook Hollow's Adult Services Librarian continued with the virtual gaming programs hosting Among Us twice this reporting period. The program had maximum capacity and patrons all had a great time playing the popular game. On Saturday the 8th, Mr. De Leon co-hosted the Dungeons & Dragons virtual program, the last program before going on break for the summer. The Gaming Group is currently making plans for its eventual return and a companion program that will be focused on entry-level play for beginners.

Mr. De Leon also continued to host two long standing book clubs via Zoom. La Tertulia Book Club met via Zoom to discuss "La Dama de la Guerra " by Marie Benedict, while the Mystery Book Club met via Zoom to discuss "Malice" by Keigo Higashino. Mr. De Leon also co-hosted the Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club via Zoom where the group discussed "Ninth House" by Leigh Bardugo.

CARVER

Children's Librarian Braulia Carrillo conducted Story Time with St. Philip's College Child Development and Miller Child Development centers during May. In addition to the youngsters, nearly 50 parents were

included in attendance. Mrs. Carrillo also reported a second meeting with the dual language parent group for San Antonio School District was held to discuss the Enhanced Learning Card. Parents were given an opportunity to ask questions about its purpose and how to obtain one.

Several displays promoted Memorial Day and the upcoming summer children's and teens' reading campaigns. During May, children at several day care centers were set up for the summer reading program.

San Antonio Public Library worked with Metro Health to boost vaccination rates in San Antonio. Carver branch was among the branches where medical personnel administered the Pfizer vaccine during May 20-21. Nineteen people were given a first dose and invited to return three weeks later in June for the second dose.

Several members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. visited Carver Branch and donated wipes and hand sanitizer and two new copies of Lamesa Fleury's children's book, *Greater than Great*.

CODY

May 2021 at the Ed Cody Branch Library saw the full return of patrons! Patrons and staff alike were excited to spend time at the branch, browsing and discovering new titles and seeing old friends.

On May 1, close to 800 ballots were cast on election day for the Joint General, Special, Charter Election. Although the branch was not an early voting site for the consequent runoff elections, many people stopped by to vote. Staff courteously redirected patrons to nearby polling locations.

Children's Librarian Kristin Yourdon assisted with Game Time Live on May 20th. Yourdon played a virtual scavenger hunt game where she gave the kids a riddle that they needed to solve in order to figure out what object they were supposed to find. The kids then had to find the object and hold it up on their screen.

Take-and-Make kits for children were very popular at the branch during the month of May. Yourdon created several different kits to keep up with demand, including a tissue paper process art kit and a mini canvas painting kit. Library Assistant Haly LeFlore made an origami corner bookmark kit and a cotton swab flower painting kit.



Teen Librarian Amy Rae Weaver continued to work with colleagues at the branch and across San Antonio to provide engagement opportunities for patrons. In preparation for the Teen Summer Program, Amy Rae worked with colleagues to put together over 1200 individual activity kits for patrons, as well as to provide materials for Teen Services librarians to put together another 1100 kits at their branches. With

two colleagues, she planned and shot a time-lapse handwriting video in the style of Instagram recipes, to promote a journaling kit and book list.

Amy Rae led meetings with library staff from across multiple departments to plan for the conversion of several thousand Juvenile nonfiction titles to the new Young Adult nonfiction collection. With several Teen Services colleagues, she finished collating a spreadsheet containing every item to be converted and will continue working with staff in order to physically update each item.

As SAPL libraries work toward opening to pre-pandemic levels, Amy Rae has brainstormed with Teen Services colleagues to come up with new methods of serving teens safely in person. She is serving on the Teen Services Reopening workgroup and has provided input on reactivating Teen Spaces across the system.

On May 14, Adult Services librarian Marcella McGowan hosted Writing as Wellness, with Adrian Leal (Pan American) and Sally Bauer (Central Reference) serving as chat moderators. Nicholas Holstein and Samantha Durgin from HugMeInk presented a 90-minute workshop on journal writing for 25 registered patrons. McGowan also attended a lunch session for the Black and African American Employee Affinity Group and the weekly Toastmasters meetings.

COLLINS GARDEN

Collins Garden Library (CGL) hosted Bexar County Election Department's Early Voting, May 24-31, 2021 & Election Day, Saturday, June 5, with approximately 100 voters per day.

CGL Manager Jeannette Davies continues to be an active member of the Texas Library Association (TLA) Public Relations Committee producing TLA's Libraries Transform Texas Podcasts. Davies interviewed SAPL's Children's Services Coordinator Cresencia Huff and SAPL Summer Reading Chairs/Librarians Kate Simpson and Leslie Elsasser re: SAPL's 2021 Summer Reading Program, Summer with SAPL.

Davies shares cooking knowledge producing and hosting Noon Time Helping of Cooking in SAPL's Virtual Kitchen. In May, Davies co-hosted, with **CGL Assistant Carlos Loera**, a Mother's Day Tea for SAPL staff and the public; Turkish Cooking, Karniyarik, with Cris Yamada-Lokensgard (McCreless Library) and Sumyera Tek with the Raindrop Foundation for Asian Pacific Heritage Month. Noon Time Helping of Cooking is Thursdays at Noon. BBQ & cold soups are on the menu in June and 4th of July desserts and summer foods in July. Patrons sign up for the online program at mysapl.org/events via Trumba. Davies also participates in COSA/SAPL Toastmasters & oversees operations of the CGL.

In May, **Children's Librarian Gina Brudi** continued to serve library families and teachers with Make & Take Kits and Reader's Advisory. As part of the Babies and Toddlers Committee, Brudi engaged children during SAPL Toddler Time via Zoom. Brudi attended Juvenile, Summer Reading Club, Performers, and Booklists committee meetings. She presented eight virtual Story Times to 15 classrooms at Knox Early Childhood Education Center; attended Knox's Literacy Night May 27, reading to families and promoting Summer at SAPL and facilitated the CGL's monthly Adult Book Club via Zoom. Readers read the ***Glass Hotel*** by Emily St. John Mandel. CGL hosted StoryWalk with the book ***Fire! Fuego Brave Bomberos*** by Susan Middleton Elya in the park area behind CGL for families to read as they walked.

Teen Services Librarian Daniella Toll continued weekly Wednesday programs for teens, ages 13-18, on the 210teenlibrary Discord server. Aligning with the Teen Services Participation Matrix, Toll empowered teen volunteers to dynamically lead four sessions of a Dungeons and Dragon game, helping foster other teens' creativity, build story making skills and collaboration efforts. It also assists teens in

improving their planning and decision-making skills, a valuable social competency of the developmental assets identified by the Search Institute. The 210teenlibrary Discord workgroup organized valuable ways to celebrate teens going through different seasons of life, and explored staff's role as a cheerleader for these young people, as many are on the cusp of entering the workforce; others learning to manage interpersonal dynamics in their families.

Toll led training for Teen Librarians and Liaisons on volunteer onboarding procedures and processed new off-site volunteers. Toll attended the branch manager's meeting and presented on the new volunteer portion of the Teen Services Web at the Teen Services Meeting. Toll assisted the summer workgroup in packing and distributing summer kits for teens, available at all library locations for teens to take home and create. Toll created interactive spaces so teens could feel welcome and valued by their community in the library's public space. Toll worked with the CGL Manager to install two laptops in the CGL Teen Space where teens can have easy access to computers where they frequent. Several teens wrote encouraging messages to each other on the Teen Space's interactive windows including, "Keep going! Never give up!" & "Never stop learning."

CORTEZ

Manager and All Staff

Cortez was a voting site for Election Day on May 1.

The Branch continues to partner with the Parks Department to share Nature Smart Library activities. This month the Branch shared kits on bees with young patrons and enough kits were provided that the extras were shared with Collins Garden Branch.

Staff prepared for the change in services May 18 with enthusiasm. Moving furniture, changing signage, and other duties were done with high expectations of seeing old friends and being busy again.

All staff are keeping up with COSA mandated training including security, climate change and ethics.

The Branch said goodbye to Library Aide Xochitl Codina and welcomed Dillon Martinez who transferred from Schaefer to fill the position.

Children

Children's Librarian Nicole Cubillas resigned and departed for the west coast this month. Staff held a party in her honor on May 12 and Manager Cammie Brantley is taking the helm for preparing staff for Summer Reading. Bulletin boards were refreshed and displays readied including one for the Bluebonnet Award books through the efforts of Circulation Attendant Madeline Vasquez and others.

Adults

Craft assignment emails continue to go from Jo Ann Paredes to her loyal group of crafters. For the month of May the crafts were: Plastic Soda Bottle flowers, DIY seashell candles, "Unique" Chandelier using plastic bottles, and Homemade Soap. Adult Services Librarian Angela Morrow assembled and helped distribute the Take-and-Make bundles for Children's Services' "Celebrate Summer at SAPL" and Adult Services' K-POP Journals, as well as preparing samples and signage for the Take-and-Makes. She helped organize staff and the branch to prepare for Summer Reading Programs and re-opening to the public. Currently, the resumption of adult programming, a new series with LibGuide for "Getting Published", and a redux of the "Do You Haiku" poetry event is in the works.

Teens

Teen Liaison Jo Ann Paredes is getting ready to start the Summer Reading Program for 2021. T-shirts will be given to teens and all programs this year will be virtual.

ENCINO

Encino Library served as a Bexar County Elections Voting Day site on May 1st and hosted 592 voters. The branch also served as an early voting site for Bexar County Run-Off Elections May 24-29. During that time, Encino Library hosted 1,533 voters. We were fortunate to be able to offer new library cards to voters who were visiting us for the first time.

Children's Librarian Lea Ann McDonald prepared for Summer Reading Library club by creating a special Summer Scavenger hunt that was installed on the patio. These original materials were also made available to all Children's Librarians system wide. She also created a bulletin board, a large-scale poster for Summer with SAPL theme, as well as a station for signing up children for SRP and decorated the gift book cart.

Ms. McDonald continues to create weekly Take-and-Make kits for Encino branch: Children's Kits included- Bubble Blowing Kit, Nature Collage kit and a Tween Kit- Make your own Kaleidoscope. She also created displays for Non-Fiction Easy Book Bundles and specially themed displays in the children's area.

Outreach in May included coordinating with a local daycare to have a contact free visit to the library and enable the children to pick out books and sign up for Summer Reading in June. Ms. McDonald continues to be a part of the Story Time and Art Online groups, contributing ideas, facilitating programs for both groups.

Due to reopening, much of the Children's area was given a freshening up by Librarian Part Time Katherine Dillard, who diligently went about readjusting shelves, arranging furniture and creating the most welcoming appearance and accessibility for children and families. Ms. Dillard also created a Book List in BiblioCommons for the Children's Summer Reading Program: How to Draw and Illustrate books for kids. She also assisted with moving the Juvenile DVD's into the Children's area and interfiled all Juvenile Non-Fiction titles, and also assisted in organizing materials to ready for Children's Summer Reading Program and assisted in decorating the Children's area.

Encino Adults got crafty at the beginning of May with two Take-and-Make offerings. On May 4, Star Wars Day, patrons could pick up a Baby Yoda keychain craft. On May 7, DIY necklace kits were made available. Adult crafts continue to be very popular with our patrons with 30 – 40 kits given out within just a few hours each time they are offered.

Adult Services Librarian Ann Laird continued her work with the system-wide Adult Summer Reading program committee. In May the committee finalized the crafts for Summer system-wide Take-and-Make kits. Ms. Laird also worked with the Marketing department to make two short videos to promote the Summer Take-and-Make kits. Ms. Laird also serves as the branch Teen Liaison and prepared the staff for Teen Summer Reading with information from her meetings.

FOREST HILLS

Forest Hills staff continued to serve the public in alternate locations during the month of May. While staff are assigned to temporary locations across the city they are gaining valuable experiences with new models of service which will be utilized when the Forest Hills Branch eventually reopens to the public.

During the interim, librarians Mary Naylor and Ana Menchaca continue to maintain connections with the surrounding community. Branch Manager Mary Naylor conducted the monthly virtual book club for the Doris Griffin Senior Center. As the senior center reopens to seniors, Ms. Naylor plans to resume her in person visits in the month of June. Children's Librarian Ana Menchaca served the public by translating and recording the voice prompts the Summer Reading Dial-A-Story into Spanish.

Ms. Naylor maintained communication with the Friends of the Forest Hills Branch Library and shared information as needed. The Friends of Forest Hills remain engaged with Forest Hills staff and are eager for news pertaining to reopening services.

The Forest Hills Branch Library will host a one-day, outdoor event to provide patrons in the surrounding community a chance to register for the Summer with SAPL on June 26. Children will be given the opportunity to register for the program and select a book. Adults and Teens will also be registered for the program. Staff will be onsite hosting the event in the parking lot of the Forest Hills Branch Library from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

GREAT NORTHWEST

Great Northwest Library has been getting ready for summer. Circulation attendant Shayla Morales prepared the front bulletin board with a colorful and informational display about the summer reading program. Both service desks are loaded with "bucket lists" and books to hand out to the kids.

The Explorers@Home just came back from "visiting Mexico" for the last three weeks. They received activity kits each week with guides related to Mexico. Families made orange juice paletas, guacamole, piñatas, paper marigolds and more. Children's librarian Cari Raley sent out almost 200 digital activity guides to families to work on together at home in addition to 44 Take-and-Make activity kits given out at the branch.

During May, Teen librarian Chris Castillo facilitated four virtual Teen Time programs on the 210teenlibrary Discord server. Teens devised and implemented gaming, shared original artworks, music, memes, short stories, and discussed books and other media. Teens demonstrated masterful ownership over their virtual space. Teens requested the addition of new Discord server channels including a voice channel to livestream art making, as well as the Rainbow Ballroom, an LGBTQ+ virtual space. Teens requested 3d prints and custom buttons for pickup at the branch. Teens submitted applications for new virtual volunteering opportunities.

As part of the Teen Pride workgroup, Chris Castillo facilitated offsite service in partnership with Fiesta Youth. Together they presented "Rainbow Films: Shorts Night," a thoughtful selection of live action, animated, and music videos around LGBTQ+ themes and subjects. Teens attended this event both in person and it was streamed virtually to the 210teenlibrary Discord server. Teens were enthused with the video selections and grateful for the event and free goodie bag. Teens requested "Pride Packs" for pickup at the event and for pickup at the branch. Pride packs included prepackaged snacks, an exclusive button with integrated bookmark, pride flag, and SAPL Teen Pride branded stickers and pencil. The success of this event has spurred the Teen Pride committee to plan to work with Fiesta Youth again as soon as possible.

Adult services librarian Stephanie Vazquez worked with the Fiesta committee to develop programs for Fiesta San Antonio 2021 in June. Ms. Vazquez also distributed the Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month Take-and-Make kits in May. Library Assistant Donna Borel created an Asian and Pacific American

Heritage Display with coloring pages. Circulation attendant Denise Johansson created and assembled origami flower Take-and-Make kits for May.

Library assistant Kathleen Marascio continues to plan and record videos on gardening, crafts, and cooking such as flower preservation and cooking demos. She has another online poetry program coming up in June as well as a Genealogy Show and Tell program planned for Summer 2021.

GUERRA

Guerra Branch Library served as a voting site on May 1 for over 250 voters. The Guerra staff Book Club met on May 8 to discuss *My Lady Jane* by Cynthia Hand. The next title for June is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. The staff prepared for Summer Reading and expanded services to allow for browsing and computer access without appointments starting May 18.

Branch Manager Monica Bustillo participated in the staff edition of Noon Time Helping TeaTime Edition on May 5. On May 19 Ms. Bustillo facilitated the Athena Readers Book Club discussion of Anthony Horowitz's *Magpie Murders*. On May 20, Ms. Bustillo attended the School Library Journal Day of Dialogue. On May 7 and May 21 Ms. Bustillo participated in the Slick Talkers Toastmasters group meeting. On May 7, 14, 21 and 28 Ms. Bustillo participated in the COSA Toastmasters group meetings. Ms. Bustillo attended the U.S. Book from May 25 to 27 which included an opening session featuring Oprah Winfrey and a panel discussion that featured our Library Director Ramiro Salazar.

During the reporting period, Children's Librarian Arlene Richardson focused her attention on promotion of The SAPL Summer Library Club to schools and childcare centers in the community. She provided Summer Reading information via ZOOM Story Times and information sessions to all classrooms at Meadow Village Elementary, Mary Hull Elementary and Cable Elementary Schools. She presented to over 1200 children. She worked with six Childcare Centre directors on ensuring their registration and participation in the Summer Library Club. She also designed and installed two Summer Library Club displays at the branch. Ms. Richardson updated the Tiny Tots LibGuide weekly with curated program offerings from her workgroup. In honor of beloved authors/illustrators, Eric Carle and Lois Ehlert, Ms. Richardson curated six programs for babies and toddlers. Both authors/illustrations who delighted millions of youngsters with their picture books, passed away in May 2021.

Teen Liaison Edward Mayberry attended the Teen Services on May 12, he met with Lorin Flores and Yanel Cepeda (Reference) to prepare for the Library 2.021 mini conference presentation. He served sous chef for Masterchef Junior Season 7 contestant Jayden for the Teen Library Asian American Pacific Islander cooking demonstration on Instagram Live on May 28th.

Adult Services Librarian, Stephen Jackson recorded *La aldea de las flores* (the flower town) by Llorenç Giménez Tarazona on May 18, this author is also known in Catalán as 'Llorenç el contacontes' (Llorenç the Storyteller) and he recorded *¡Baja gata! (Come down, cat!)* by Sonya Hartnett for Dial-a-Story in Spanish on May 21. On May 27, he served as a speaker with Cynthia DeLeon as hostess for a Zoom presentation titled "Why knot: Learn about ropes, straps and chains." He used a PowerPoint presentation with many pictures to illustrate the concepts. The purpose of this presentation was to orient those wanting to do chores or projects using ropes, chains or straps as to which of these is more appropriate for the job as well as accessories such as DIY derricks, pulleys, manual hoists, etc. He demonstrated many useful knots and promoted library books on knots. He also prepared a document that Cynthia sent to all program participants on helpful websites that further explain the concepts he brought up in the presentation. The next day, May 28, he presented the library trivia game at the Willie Cortez Senior Center. In this game he emphasized questions on Mother's Day as well as diseases.

IGO

In the month of May, senior services programming coordinator Irene Scharf arranged a Zoom presentation with Michael Burns of “Adult Learning in Retirement Center” on Memoirs and Memoir-writing. May Igo Elderberries Newsletter, “The Elderberry Vine,” was emailed to 150 Seniors. They were also notified about the other Zoom programs offered by San Antonio Public Library such as Kane Fu, Arthritis, Natural Burials, and several Genealogy classes. Irene Scharf participated in the SAPL Older Americans Committee’s discussions with AACOG regarding joint programs and partnerships.

The Teen Services Librarian Laura Herman made self-care activity sheets for the teens for Mental Health Awareness month. They were also shared with the other teen librarians if they wanted to use them at their branches. She also assisted with the weekly Dungeons and Dragons program on Discord. The group is growing and they are finding new ways to work together and include each other despite the growing group.

Adult Services librarian Gamini Haluwana joined Asian American and Pacific Islanders’ Months subcommittee to arrange systemwide programs in May. He also co-edited a resource guide on Asian American Resources. Mr. Haluwana arranged two programs in partnership with University of Incarnate Word of San Antonio. First public program was on Kathak Indian classical dancing and the second program was on Japanese Noh and the theater. More than 40 people attended both programs.

JOHNSTON

On Election Day, May 1, Johnston Branch Library welcomed 284 voters for the Municipal Elections. On May 26 Johnston hosted a pop-up vaccine clinic, offering COVID-19 vaccinations.

Interim Branch Manager Cristine Mitchamore, in partnership with Marketing, began planning Johnston’s 40th Anniversary in August.

Teen Librarian Shannan Prukop, along with the rest of the Teen Pride workgroup and in collaboration with Fiesta Youth, helped create and run the Rainbow Films: Shorts Night, a virtual film night for teens from both groups. They attended an outreach to Fiesta Youth the week before the event with Dacari Lambert, talking to teens about Summer Reading, the Rainbow Films event, and the 210TeenLibrary Discord server. Mx. Prukop also worked with Amy Rae Weaver and Marisa Debow to film a promotional video for an upcoming book list about journaling that features materials from the July Teen Summer activity kits, editing it as well with help from Ms. Weaver. Throughout May, Mx. Prukop continued helping lead the Tryday Friday program with the assistance of their teen moderator, working to encourage critical thinking and improvisation among the teens participating.

Children’s Librarian Tiffany Durham co-hosted the following programs on Zoom: Baby Time-Live Online, Home-Schooling Outreach Program and the bi-weekly Game Time Live. Miss Tiffany recorded *Night Parade* by Lily Roscoe for Dial-A-Story. Miss Tiffany continued her work on the Summer with SAPL Programming and Activities Committee and started planning the system-wide Summerfest scheduled for July 1st. She created branch specific Take-and-Make Kits centered around the theme of rainbows. Miss Tiffany looks forward to having a summer full of a rainbow of possibilities.

LANDA

Art club online celebrated Día! Children learned about Muralist Rafael Lopez. They were

introduced to his simple artwork and created a mural of their own. On May 27th, art club celebrated the beginning of summer by taking a virtual tour of the Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam. Afterwards, kids drew what they wanted to do this summer. Lastly, they enjoyed playing games on the zoom whiteboard.

Tweens play Among US in a new bi-weekly, hour-long program filled with multiple opportunities to play different maps with other Among Us fans.

Children's Librarian Robin Alcorta celebrated the end of the school year with a PreK 4 SA class by singing songs and reading *Barnacle is Bored* by Jonathan Fenske.

The Landa adult book clubs continued to meet via Zoom. In May, The Village at the Incarnate Word read Jill Biden's memoir, *Where The Light Enters*. Reader's Ink learned about Germany during the rise of Hitler in the 1930s with Erik Larson's *In the Garden of Beasts*. The Mystery Book Club read *Killer Chef*, the beginning of a new mystery series set in New Orleans, one of many thrillers by James Patterson.

Landa Adult Services Librarian, Karen Sebesta, hosted four Zoom programs for the ongoing Zoom adult programs. Natural Burials, presented online by Susan Everidge, informed those in attendance about the alternative to burials that require embalming and the purchase of liners and other accoutrements required by traditional burial methods. Robert Anguiano presented a series of three programs on "Cane Fu," the technique of using a cane to improve strength, balance, and self-defense.

LAS PALMAS

Valerie Shelley, Children's Librarian, continues her assistance with the Toddler the Story Time, doing the opening songs and rhymes, singing the closing songs or hosting for the Zoom delivered program. A Read to a Dog online program has begun with other librarians from SAPL where young readers enjoy reading to the dogs. The online program is scheduled twice monthly and registration fills up each event.

Take-and-Make kits from the children's department and from Las Palmas Library continue to be developed and handed out. The Friends of the Library for Las Palmas donated puzzles which are being passed out to children visiting the library and to those children whose parent(s) are using the public computers. The children take the puzzles home with them when they leave the library.

Teen Librarian Connie Hejl collaborated with teen volunteers on creating a Discord Anime Club for the summer. She also organized and oversaw the weekly Discord Random Fandom Club. Connie also has been coordinating with Amanda Benton of the neighboring YWCA about scheduling teen visits to Las Palmas.

MAVERICK

Maverick jump started the month as an election site on May 1st. Amy Roberts, Librarian II, opened the branch for the election judges, while Ben Longoria, Librarian II, closed. During May, library staff prepared the reading logs, activity kits and other summer related supplies to kick off the "Summer with SAPL" Reading program.

Children's Librarian, Amy Roberts, was quite productive during the reporting period. Ms. Roberts assembled and put up a story walk based on the book "Duck, Rabbit" by Amy Krouse Rosenthal on the

Maverick Library grounds on May 2. She assembled 75 Take-and-Make Crafts for Kids for the month of May.

In preparation for summer reading, Ms. Roberts ensured that she completed a personal message video for her summer reading outreach. This was added to a video that the summer reading committee made for the system/community. Ms. Roberts sent the video to librarians at several elementary schools near Maverick: Wanke, Brauchle, Braun Station, Carson, Nichols, Ward, Krueger and Northwest Crossing in mid-May. She ordered summer reading prize books from Scholastic and inventoried those on May 6. Ms. Roberts prepared summer reading registration slips and a bulletin board for summer reading finishers.

Ms. Roberts was active with committee work during the reporting period. She checked publisher's websites and many have updated permissions, for librarians to record on YouTube, reading books until June 2021 and December 2021. For the Tiny Tots committee, she created a curated Story Time from the book "What Mommies Do Best/What Daddies Do Best" on May 4.

Finally, Ms. Roberts completed many trainings and attended meetings during the reporting period. These included: SAPL Work Safe/Stay Well training, acknowledgment and quiz on May 1, Security Awareness Training on May 3, Climate Change Training on May 6, Children's Meeting May 12, Slips, Trips and Falls Training- May 13, Summer Reading stats training on May 14 and the Tiny Tots Committee Meeting on May 21.

Library Assistant Mary Lou Bleichwehl facilitated Zoom Teen Times with Library Aide Sarina Hackworth assisting. Maverick Teens typically spend the first half hour catching up and sharing experiences. One Teen reflected on her recent trip to Kansas to attend a family event and how her social anxiety colors these types of occasions. May provided Teens the opportunity to commiserate over end of year exams and assignments. Teens also interacted through a variety of online games, collaborating on Google Feud and Mad Libs, or competing in Jack Box games.

McCRELESS

McCreless Branch Library hosted Election Day on May 1, and early voting for the Run-Off election which brought over 750 voters. The branch continues renovations and received new HVAC units that are set to be connected next month. Branch Manager, Emerson Stanley attended weekly construction site meetings and is eagerly awaiting the conclusion of the renovation.



As a member of the Asian Pacific American Heritage month, librarian Cristiane Yamada Lokensgard co-hosted four programs. Three of those programs were planned by librarian Pannaga Prasad and co-hosted with library assistant Jordan Torres as well. The programs were about the instruments Tabla and Veena, and the third one was about the Kolam or Rangoli technique. She also worked in partnership with

Dr. Sumeyra Tek from Raindrop San Antonio Foundation to offer a Turkish cooking class, which became part of the Noon Time program hosted by branch manager Jeannette Davies.

Marisa DeBow, Teen Librarian, worked on an upcoming summer booklist video component with Amy Rae Weaver and Shannan Prukup this month in addition to her regular meetings with Teen Services and the LGBTQ+ Committee. DeBow attended staff training “Mirrors, Windows & Doors for young children”, completed monthly safety and security training and the Office of Sustainability Climate change training. DeBow also enjoyed attending the staff edition of “Noontime cooking with SAPL: Tea” and “Staff Trivia”.

DeBow has outreach dates in July at Highland’s High School Jump Start program and is working with staff there to get library information to the students. DeBow has also stepped up to assemble the summer Take-and-Make kits for children and inform staff of the particulars of the Children’s Summer Library Club. She also put together and organized the Teen Summer Activity Kits and t-shirts.

Library Assistant Joseph Gonzales co-hosted with librarian Lorin Flores the online event Cinema Terrible. As a member of the Pop Culture Committee, Mr. Gonzales contributed with the creation of the SAPL event Fandom Marathon. He also shared his ideas with the Circulation Policy Committee for San Antonio Public Library. Mr. Gonzales co-hosted a Card Registration Class, and assisted with creating two trainings: Circulation Holds class and a Symphony Fiscal training.

MEMORIAL

As the expansion and reconstruction continues to move forward at the branch, Library on the Go, a literacy caravan is providing public services as a mini library to the community of Westside San Antonio. Although the main building where the construction is ongoing has been fenced off, there are enough parking slots outside the fenced area to provide parking for staff and patrons that come by to pick up their holds and or to make use of the Book Drop to return their items.

The Snack Pak program slowed down quite a bit but picked up when restrictions were adjusted. Children’s books continued to accompany each Snack Pak. After the school year ended school age children continued gathering in the exercise area each morning. Staff approached the students and handed out Snack Paks.

Adult Services librarian Freddy Hudson participated in the Digital Inclusion Month of May committee. He was assisted by Circulation Attendant Michelangelo Sosa. This team provided classes on the basics of Excel, coding and job resumes. Mr. Sosa was the presenter for the first two programs and Joel Jenks from HR was the presenter for the last program. The programs had nine, four and seven attendees respectively.

Children’s Librarian Christine Deffendall reviewed the book, *The Best of Iggy*, by Annie Barrows, for the May 25 Children’s Blog. Mrs. Deffendall has alternately with Mr. Hudson continued as liaisons between the renovation contractors and branch staff by making the building accessible each morning and securing it as construction crews end their work day.

To gain a better perspective of cataloging library items, Mrs. Deffendall completed the Web Junction course “Introduction to Cataloging for Non-Catalogers”

Although the branch was not a voting site for local elections Bexar County elections were held at St. Mary’s University AT&T building. Marketing provided directional signage and they were posted at the entry to the branch. Staff provided directions to the entry of St. Mary’s University to ensure voters had accurate information on the location. A total of 204 votes were cast during the early voting period.

Branch manager Maria Gonzales ensures public services as well as construction is running smoothly by reporting to the construction site twice a week and as needed to unlock the doors to the building before the other LICs arrive. Mrs. Gonzales routinely walks inside the perimeter of the building to check for water intrusion and other concerns. The Design team meets each week inside the facility and Mrs. Gonzales attends these weekly meetings. Quite often her input is requested on developments for the new structure. Mrs. Gonzales is grateful for this opportunity and for the support of her PSA Elma Nieto-Rodriguez and Mark Loiselle from Administration.

MISSION

Mission served as a voting site for the local elections on May 1st.

Many of Mission's staff actively work with system-wide programming committees including the Virtual Crafting Committee, Esports Committee, Baby & Toddler Committee, Pop Culture Committee, and the Discord Programming Committee. Through these committees, Mission staff actively contribute to the community via online avenues. Adult Services Librarian, Kassandra Vela-Laosa, working with the Digital Inclusion Month (May) annual initiative, hosted two practice Zoom sessions offering adults a chance to experience and practice participating in a Zoom meeting.

Mission staff continue to create unique and one-of-a-kind Take Make kits for library visitors and curbside customers. Kits are made specifically for each age group: kids, teens, and adults.

PAN AMERICAN

In mid-May, the Pan American Branch Library, like all SAPL locations reopened fully to the public for walk-in computer access, browsing, and inside use of the library space. Customers were pleasantly surprised to find out that they could again enjoy the libraries and take advantage of all services that were reduced for nearly 15 months. Pan American Branch staff were excited and glad to see all the smiling faces coming through the door.

In May Adult services librarian Adrian Leal assisted fellow librarians Marcella McGowan and Sally Bauer with the "Writing for Wellness" virtual program in support of SAPL's Adult Services Mental Health Awareness Month initiative. Additionally, Mr. Leal continued to team up with Monty Holcomb from the Parman Branch Library to host a monthly virtual chess match.

Children's services librarian Olivia Escovedo began organizing materials for the SAPL Summer Reading Club at Pan American. Ms. Escovedo prep the signup sheets and arranged the prize book cart for the kick off of the summer program. Additionally, she worked to get the Summer Take-and-Makes kits ready for children and families who stop by the branch.

PARMAN

Parman branch served as a Bexar County Elections Voting Day site on May 1st and early voting site for the Run-Off election which brought 2739 voters. Traditionally, most first-time visitors toured the library and applied for the library card as well.

In May Parman had its most important event in the history of the branch when it celebrated its 10-year anniversary. In honor of this grand event the branch had a different craft for each age group planned for the 10 days leading up to the actual celebration date. Every craft was inspired by the number 10 or reflected Parman's history within the community. Librarian Teague Shosh created a special LibGuide devoted to Parman's anniversary and it included a photo gallery of the last 10 years, video messages congratulating the staff, and a special commemorative video, designed by Librarian Lisa Taylor, showing how the branch has grown in the last 10 years and cemented its place within the community. When patrons arrived at the branch they had the chance to participate in a scavenger hunt and enjoy a specially crafted StoryWalk® that depicted Parman's history from when it was first built. Even though Parman was under COVID related restrictions, over 385 people stopped by to say happy anniversary and use the various photo opportunities set up throughout the library. Many patrons filled out the guest book that was set out for the event with beautiful notes and memories of the branch. Staff was overjoyed when board member Marcie Ince dropped by with flowers and a beautiful card to show her appreciation. Brad Parman also showed up to thank staff for their dedication and continued excellent service to the community. Election judges arrived with some sweet treats to celebrate and the highlight of the day was the Parman Friends group delivering pizza for staff to enjoy. The Alamo Area Woodcarvers gifted the Parman library with a gorgeous hand-carved plaque inscribed with the branch's opening date commemorating the 10th anniversary. Perhaps the most unforgettable moment of the day came when staff added items to a time capsule that will be opened at a later date by the future generations of Parman patrons.

Throughout May all Parman staff performed their regular duties including work in the committees and all age levels virtual programming, (streamed or recorded), while adjusting quickly and implementing all the new steps of reopening introduced this month. The biggest challenge was changing the building from limited capacity with no seating to fully operational capacity. This involved moving and rearranging the furniture, taking down signage and bringing the building back to the pre- COVID standards within less than 10 hours. As always Parman staff came together and delivered the expected results.

All Parman staff attended highly recommended updated Symphony training. Manager Barbara Kwiatkowski completed the two-day course and is now certified in Mental Health First Aid. She also took a training on how to export provided lists to excel from BLUEcloud Analytics.

POTRANCO

Potranco Branch Library welcomed the community back to the library at full capacity in the middle of May. The branch staff was eager to get back to helping the community and hit the ground running.

Ms. Huerta released a pre-recorded craft program for SAPL's YouTube channel titled "Yarn & Cardboard Llama Pal" where participants learned to create a llama figurine using cardboard, yarn, and other materials found around the household. In addition, Monica hosted the monthly meeting for her "Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club" where members discussed the book *Ninth House* by Leigh Bardugo.

Ms. Huerta continues to assist the LGBTQ+ committee and helped moderate two "Queer Storytelling" events where patrons learned storytelling techniques which culminated in a performance.

Ms. Huerta co-hosts a Spanish Conversational program where patrons get to practice and develop their Spanish-speaking skills via zoom.

By the middle of the month, and as traffic increased within the library, Monica put together a Frida Kahlo display where patrons may read about the artist and check out books related to her.



Teen Librarian Jenny Borrero put together a Baby Yoda paracord keychain Take-and-Make for teens to celebrate May the 4th. There were 30 kits total and all were gone by the end of the week.

Library Assistant Lisa Leandro has continued the Adult Virtual Coloring program. The group is still going strong. Many of the regulars have expressed an interest in continuing the virtual programming, since many of them are home-bound and have enjoyed socializing virtually. The program will continue to be virtual throughout the rest of the summer.

Ms. Leandro also leads the Potranco Book club. The book club met virtually in May and will resume with a hybrid version in June. People comfortable meeting in person will do so on our patio. Those that cannot attend will be able to join the meeting virtually.

PRUITT at ROOSEVELT HS

Pruitt's Children's Services focused on Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, distributing 202 Take-and-Make craft kits, including SAPL-provided Sticker Masterpiece kits, and Pruitt-created Japanese woodblock printing, Hawaiian lei, Asian peacock, Pacific Ocean octopus, and tropical fish kits.



The Page-Turners Tween Book Club discussed the 2021 Lone Star Reading-listed *Tornado Brain* by Cat Patrick, talking about neurodivergent teens and forgiveness, as well as the importance of perseverance and solving problems, and shared strategies to deal with challenges in middle school. Children's Services is excited to see more and more children coming into the library to check out books and take a craft kit home!

Teen Services staff is elated that the Pruitt branch can serve a public high school campus. Teen Librarian Sheri Watkins did outreach with students who may not have had a chance to use SAPL services during previous closures; this outreach coincided nicely with SAPL's Summer with SAPL promotion launch. Socially distanced chess continued until the end of the school year, with Rackspace partners providing participant T-Shirts through the finish.

Pruitt Teen Services held a Mindfulness session in partnership with the Roosevelt High School Family Specialist. The sessions are planned to continue in the 2021-2022 school year. Pruitt Teen Services facilitated 12 outreach programs in total with 200 teens in attendance. Teenaged patrons received 97 Take-and-Make craft kits.



Adult Services conducted two virtual events in May. The TGIF Book Club met and discussed *The Haunting of Hill House*. Combined, Molly Pruitt and Potranco staff hosted the weekly Adult Virtual Coloring program. Additionally, Adult Services distributed 73 Adult Take-and-Make kits.

Pruitt branch's Family Chess Dinner continued on Saturday late afternoons. Adult Services Librarian Paula Opiela, Adult Services Assistant Catrina Grivich, and staff member Jared Thompson represented Pruitt branch and SAPL at the drive-through NEISD Community Resources Fair. The team chatted with a mix of approximately 800 adults, teenagers, and children about library services, and handed out bags with library contact information and program details plus pens, erasers, bookmarks, and children's crafts.



SAN PEDRO

San Pedro branch joyfully reopened on May 4, after being closed for 5 months for renovation. Marketing produced an online reopening guide with messages from Ramiro, Library Board members and our District 1 city councilman as well as a staff produced video outlining the new improvements. The public received I Love San Pedro Library buttons and commemorative book marks to honor the occasion. Staff welcomed the public for computer appointments at the beginning of the month, then broadened to brisk browsing. It was great to serve the public in person again. San Pedro Park renovations continue with the addition of more trees and an extended lighted walkway.

The branch launched its first ever StoryWalk, "These Bees Count," for families to stroll and read while enjoying the park setting of the branch. Staff prepared for the upcoming summer reading programs by decorating and putting together Take-and-Make kits for children. Children's librarian Karen Braeuler

participated in live Toddler Time Online presentations for 18-36-month-old children and their caregivers. Informational emails detailing the summer reading program were sent to area school administrators and librarians for distribution to their school communities.

In May, San Pedro welcomed Rebecca Martinez to the team. Ms. Martinez had previously worked at the Central Library and brings years of experience to the team.

All collection signage was updated with the reopening, utilizing a retro art deco theme. The Young Adult collection was rearranged to make the section more appealing and easier to navigate for patrons.

SCHAEFER

Children's Librarian Leslie Elsasser participated in Story Time Online Live on May 6 and was the host for the program. It was the final Story Time for the spring session. She also participated in the Read to a Dog program on Zoom on May 14 and 21.

Leslie was the co-lead for the summer library committee, and the committee finished work in May since the summer programs were set to start June 1. She went to the Central Library on May 7 and met a small group to pack crates to send to all the libraries with supplies for the June Take-and-Make kit.

In May 2021, Dacari Lambert, Teen Librarian at the Schaefer Branch Library helped facilitate the weekly Teen Time Discord club with colleague, Chris Castillo. Dacari helped the Teen Summer workgroup pack teen summer activity kits for all participating SAPL branches. Dacari worked with the Teen Pride workgroup to plan the first ever hybrid Discord event, in partnership with Fiesta Youth—a local LGBTQ teen support group. The week prior to the event Dacari and her colleague Shannan Prukop conducted outreach at Fiesta Youth to promote the event and encourage teens to engage in current library services. Additionally, Dacari met with a teacher from East Central High School about students from the Voc-18 program volunteering at Schaefer for the upcoming school year.



Library Assistant Blanca Silvia Hernandez published May's playlist for Schaefer's "I ♥ Vinyl (Digital Edition)" a monthly virtual program for adults and seniors. She also co-hosted the Schaefer Virtual Craft program with Librarian Maria Adams. 12 of Schaefer's Adult Craft Night and Family Craft Program regular attendees came together online to share their love of crafting. They decorated a canvas tote

bag by coloring in templates we provided. Everyone had crafty good time. Some crafters submitted their picture to us.

Blanca also moderated the Old Time Trivia Program on Zoom. Librarians Sylvia Reyna and Debbie Countess created and hosted the program in celebration of Older Americans Month. Patrons had such a good time, they asked for another Old Time Trivia Program. The old time tunes played in between rounds was a hit!. She also created a Garden Display for patrons to browse and check out materials related to the gardening theme. She also created a New Magazine Display to highlight the newest items in that collection.

Schafer staff donated everyday toiletries for United Way's 7th Annual Shoe Box Project this month. They had enough toiletries to fill two shoe boxes and a small bag with extra items. The Shoebox Project is an effort to provide shoeboxes filled with to be distributed to many San Antonio children, veterans, elderly, homeless and vulnerable populations that are assisted through many of United Way's nonprofit partners.

The May Film Noir Movie club, led by Training Officer, Daniel Gomez discussed the film, *Scarlet Street* (1945). Librarian Maria Adams facilitated assisting with registering patrons and sending program information to registered patrons.

The second SAPL Staff Trivia event was held on Friday, May 21. Librarian Maria Adams wrote trivia questions for the event.

Schaefer Skimmers book club was held on Tuesday, May 25th. The group discussed the book, *The Sweet Taste of Muscadines*.

Librarian Maria Adams co-hosted another round of SAPL Live Trivia with fellow librarians Brooke Mjolsness and Morgan Yoshimura on Friday, May 28th. This month's program marked the one-year anniversary of the program. We had 30 participants log into the program.

SEMMEs

Julia Yates Semmes Branch Library (Semmes) began the month by hosting more than 900 voters in Bexar County Elections. Semmes also saw the mid-month easing of social distancing requirements lead to a marked increase in foot traffic; a 30% increase in average daily traffic over Brisk Browsing earlier in the month. While Contact Free pickup did reduce as a result, it remained a popular service. Patrons commented that they were glad to be able to return to in-person browsing and computer use, and others that they were happy that the library was continuing Contact-Free pickups. Staff continued to maintain attendance to climate, ethics, and security training.

Children's Librarian Randi Jones hosted and did the closing songs for Toddler Time Online Live for the Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros celebration. On May 5, 12, and 19, she was a presenter for Toddler Time Online Live, leading the children in the opening and closing songs and on May 19 reading the story, *Hello, Baby Animals* by Lorinda Bryan Cauley. As an extension activity for that book, she adapted a song called "The Baby Animals Song" by A. J. Jenkins, showing pictures of each animal as she sang. On May 6, she read aloud the book, *Federico and the Wolf* by Rebecca J. Gomez and illustrated by Elisa Chavarri. On May 11, Ms. Randi's curated Toddler Time for *Tap Tap Bang Bang* by Emma Garcia premiered on San Antonio Public Library's webpage. On May 14 and again on May 21, she co-hosted Read to a Dog on Zoom. On May 15, she co-hosted Adventurers Book Club. Valerie Carroll moderated a discussion of and extension activities for *The Portal* by Kathryn Lasky. Ms. Randi recorded several stories for San Antonio Public Library's Dial-a-Story phone line: On May 11—*Trout, Trout, Trout A Fish Chant* by April Pulley Sayre. On May 18—*Pepi Sings a New Song* by Laura Ljungkvist and on May 25—*Slug Needs a Hug!* by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross.

Children's Librarian Valerie Carroll hosted several on-line events, including sessions of the popular on-line game Among Us on May 7th and 21st. On May 15th, The Adventurer's Book Club discussed *Tangled In Time: The Portal* by Kathryn Lasky under her direction, and she premiered three videos on YouTube: *Sun Prints*, *Animal Crossing Paper Flowers* (parts 1 and 2), which have more than 150 total views.

THOUSAND OAKS

Assistant Branch Manager Brooke Mjolsness served as chat moderator for the Noon Time Helping of Cooking programs held on May 6 and 20. The program series is offered weekly on Thursday afternoons and covers various recipes and kitchen topics.

On May 12, Ms. Mjolsness was co-host and chat moderator for the popular self-care program Ayurveda. The main host Maggie Grueskin led the presentation. Ayurveda is held on the second Wednesday of every month.

The Film Noir Club program was held on May 13. This monthly discussion group watches a predetermined film noir movie and encourages a lively talk with engaging questions provided by the host. Ms. Mjolsness served as chat moderator.

Ms. Mjolsness co-hosted virtual Beginner's Chair Yoga programs on May 14 and 28. The chair yoga series has a dedicated following and is held the second and fourth Fridays of every month.

The Queer Storytelling programs were held on May 15 and 22 with Ms. Mjolsness acting as chat moderator. The May 15 program taught patrons the do's and don'ts of live storytelling and gave them a safe space to practice telling their story. The May 22 session was a live performance of their stories for attendees.

On May 21, Ms. Mjolsness was co-host and Master of Ceremonies for a live trivia program for Library employees which is held once a quarter. On May 28, she was the Master of Ceremonies for the SAPL Live Trivia program, a popular program that is held the last Friday of every month.

Adult Services Librarian and Teen Liaison Kimberly King continued attending online trainings and webinars. She attended the monthly meetings for Teen Services, and the Teen Volunteers workgroup.

Ms. King ensured the Take-and-Make craft kits for May were available for distribution to patrons. She readied the Take-and-Make craft kit for June to celebrate Pride Month.

Ms. King collaborated on the Teen Booklists Workgroup. She created a book trailer for the book *Tangled Planet*, a book featured on the Science Fiction Young Adult booklist. She also created a "How to Make a Large Paper Flower" crafting video for the upcoming booklist on nature and gardening.

On May 25, Ms. King moderated the Speak Geek Trivia program which featured a lively discussion on *Doctor Who*.

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

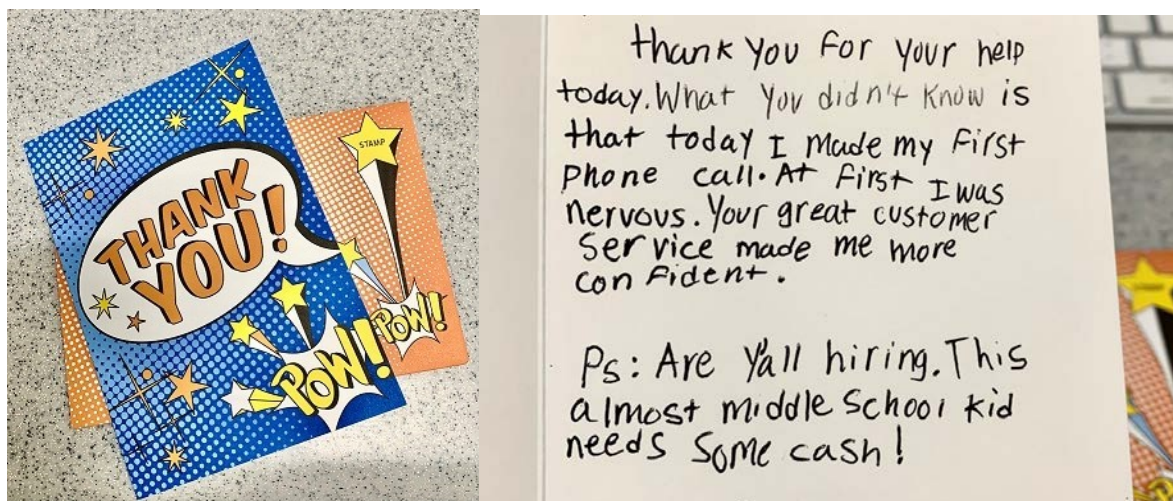
In May 1255 voters turned out at Tobin at Oakwell branch for the City elections and then the branch hosted the run-off election as well. The community has been so appreciative since the library has opened up with seating and no limit on browsing time. Public computer usage has increased also with no appointments needed. Some patrons continue to enjoy curbside, especially parents with young children and patrons with animals in their cars.

Children's Librarian Barbaraella Frazier continued enthusiastically co-hosting the virtual Read To A Dog program on May 14. Once again, Ms. Frazier had to create some clever crafts to meet demand both for curbside and increased customers visiting the branch. She devised a colorful butterfly puppet and Library Assistant, Terry Verner, utilized the scrap die cut paper to offer a butterfly light catcher.

Circulation Attendant, Lilliana Aguilar, assists the Children's Department by recording one of the Dial-A-Story's in Spanish each month. This service has been around for over 20 years and is geared for children zero to five and can be reached at 210-207-4466.

Teen Librarian, Karah Garcia, has been a key participant for helping develop a new service that is in the works for San Antonio Public Library (SAPL). SAPL LibPicks will be available on-line to assist patrons who are stuck on what to check out next for reading, listening or watching. Patrons will answer some questions on-line and reference librarians respond with three suggested titles. Ms. Garcia and the committee are looking forward to when this goes live with patrons.

Melissa Carroll, Circulation Attendant, received one of the cutest compliments ever at Tobin at Oakwell branch. Ms. Carroll assisted a young man on the telephone by ordering his hold request. When Ethan came to Tobin to retrieve his hold he left this thank you note for Ms. Carroll.



WESTFALL

For the month of May, Westfall welcomed 237 voters on May 1st.

As of the full re-opening, Westfall's Learn Center resumed walk-in basis Learn patrons due to a need in the community for one-on-one computer assistance. Our Training Officer, Michelle Rickman continues to serve several patrons a day. Westfall's Library Assistants Josiah Garcia and Marcel Alvarez also assist in staffing the Learn Center.

Teen Librarian, Heather Swindell, continues to assist in appointment based Enhanced Library cards as Westfall has seen an influx in this service since re-opening. Heather also has handed out over 50 Snack Packs and counting as she continues to advocate the service.

Children's Librarian, Imelda Merino, continues to work on her various programming and LibGuide efforts, including Art Club and "Here For You" LibGuide. She attended the "Diverse Voices in Literature" webinar series and has resumed outreach where she currently has been in touch with 14 schools in regard to Summer at SAPL programs.

Interim Manager and Adult Librarian II, Angelina Cortes participated in the Digital Inclusion virtual monthly initiative co-hosting 'Intro to Excel' and 'Resume Building' courses with fellow San Antonio Public Library staff. She is also continuing her work as a Digital Inclusion fellow through the non-profit NTEN. As of May 5th, she launched the Paleta Pop-Up Library cart at the re-opening of the San Pedro Branch library where she assisted folks coming into the library with SAPL services. Angelina participated in the webinar series "Diverse Voices in Children's Literature" and "Creating a Resilient Mindset". She has also reconnected with the Friends of the Westfall Library to bring them back into the branch for in-person meetings and to resume FOL book sales.

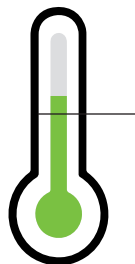
PERFORMANCE MEASURES

SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY KEY INDICATORS

MAY 2021
FY 2021

COVID-19 has greatly affected overall Library usage in FY 2020 and FY 2021. FY 2021 performance goals were adjusted accordingly.

CIRCULATION: GOAL



4,745,519
TOTAL FY GOAL

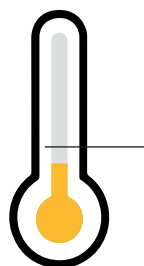
FYTD GOAL: 2,931,785

CIRCULATION: FISCAL YEAR 2021



3,415,731
ITEMS BORROWED

LIBRARY VISITS: GOAL



1,794,701
TOTAL FY GOAL

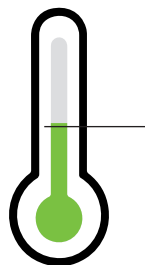
FYTD GOAL: 874,640

LIBRARY VISITS: FISCAL YEAR 2021



707,124
VISITS

DIGITAL ACCESS: GOAL



953,237
TOTAL FY GOAL

FYTD GOAL: 543,551

DIGITAL ACCESS: FISCAL YEAR 2021



15,799
COMPUTER
HOURS



539,917
HOURS OF
WI-FI USE

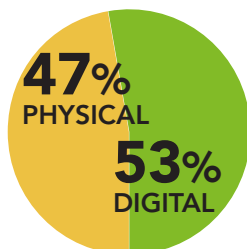
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TOTAL HOURS OF
COMPUTER & WI-FI USE

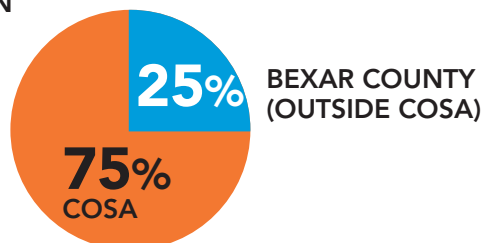
SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY ADDITIONAL OPERATIONAL INDICATORS MAY 2021 (CONTINUED)

USE OF COLLECTION: FISCAL YEAR 2021

CIRCULATION
BY TYPE



CIRCULATION
BY SERVICE
AREA



VIRTUAL: FISCAL YEAR 2021



108,950
MYSAPL.ORG
VISITS

535,629
MYSAPL
APP SESSIONS

967,844
OVERDRIVE
SITE VISITS

2,527,956
SOCIAL MEDIA
IMPRESSIONS

PROGRAMS & ATTENDANCE: FISCAL YEAR 2021

1,343
TOTAL PROGRAMS

598
ADULT PROGRAMS

338
TEEN PROGRAMS

407
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

19,071
TOTAL ATTENDANCE

5,236
ADULT ATTENDANCE

2,789
TEEN ATTENDANCE

11,046
CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE

249 PROGRAM VIDEOS UPLOADED

31,922 PROGRAM VIDEO VIEWS

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRATING
**ASIAN
PACIFIC
AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH**

For programs, activities,
and online content, visit
guides.mysapl.org/AsianPacific.

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CURATED PROGRAMS ONLINE

Tiny Tots

New content every Tuesday at 10:15 AM

Gather your infants and toddlers for
an online program with links to a read
aloud story, fun songs, rhymes, and
activity suggestions!

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**OLDER
AMERICANS
MONTH**

SAPL will be offering online programs and content available
all month long to recognize the contributions of Older Americans.

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May 2021 Key Indicators

Location	Total Circulation	Visits	Hours of Computer & Wi-Fi Use	Computers - Hours of Use	Wi-Fi - Hours of Use
Bazan	906	2,299	2,273	210	2,063
Brook Hollow	19,607	16,506	1,958	136	1,822
Carver	1,338	1,359	1,636	124	1,512
Central	6,551	9,544	15,436	226	15,210
Cody	21,557	7,320	3,112	171	2,942
Collins Garden	2,149	1,381	2,008	169	1,839
Cortez	1,725	2,577	1,796	82	1,714
Encino	12,073	4,731	2,489	54	2,435
Forest Hills	66	0	0	0	0
Great Northwest	15,493	8,378	3,639	132	3,507
Guerra	4,442	2,614	2,100	148	1,952
Igo	23,347	4,953	3,861	87	3,774
Johnston	4,315	3,115	1,607	178	1,429
Landa	10,697	4,920	1,236	90	1,146
Las Palmas	1,268	4,058	2,257	196	2,062
Maverick	15,672	4,828	2,675	136	2,539
McCreless	1,824	1,175	1,184	0	1,184
Memorial	1,224	211	443	0	443
Mission	5,538	6,765	2,232	266	1,966
Pan American	1,979	2,394	1,568	100	1,468
Parman	23,289	8,962	1,925	50	1,875
Potranco	9,578	1,630	7,300	142	7,158
Pruitt	2,460	3,582	881	45	837
San Pedro	1,165	1,918	569	70	500
Schaefer	4,721	2,265	2,473	157	2,316
Semmes	15,021	4,452	2,817	180	2,637
Thousand Oaks	4,265	3,269	2,503	98	2,405
Tobin	11,725	4,967	1,452	152	1,300
Westfall	6,197	2,545	5,775	300	5,475
Kampmann Library Portal	0	0	84	0	84
Interlibrary Loan Lending	0	0	0	0	0
Online/Phone Renewal	36,566	0	0	0	0
Digital	229,771	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	496,529	122,718	79,291	3,700	75,591

Circulation includes Physical, Digital and NEISD materials to SAPL patrons at Pruitt

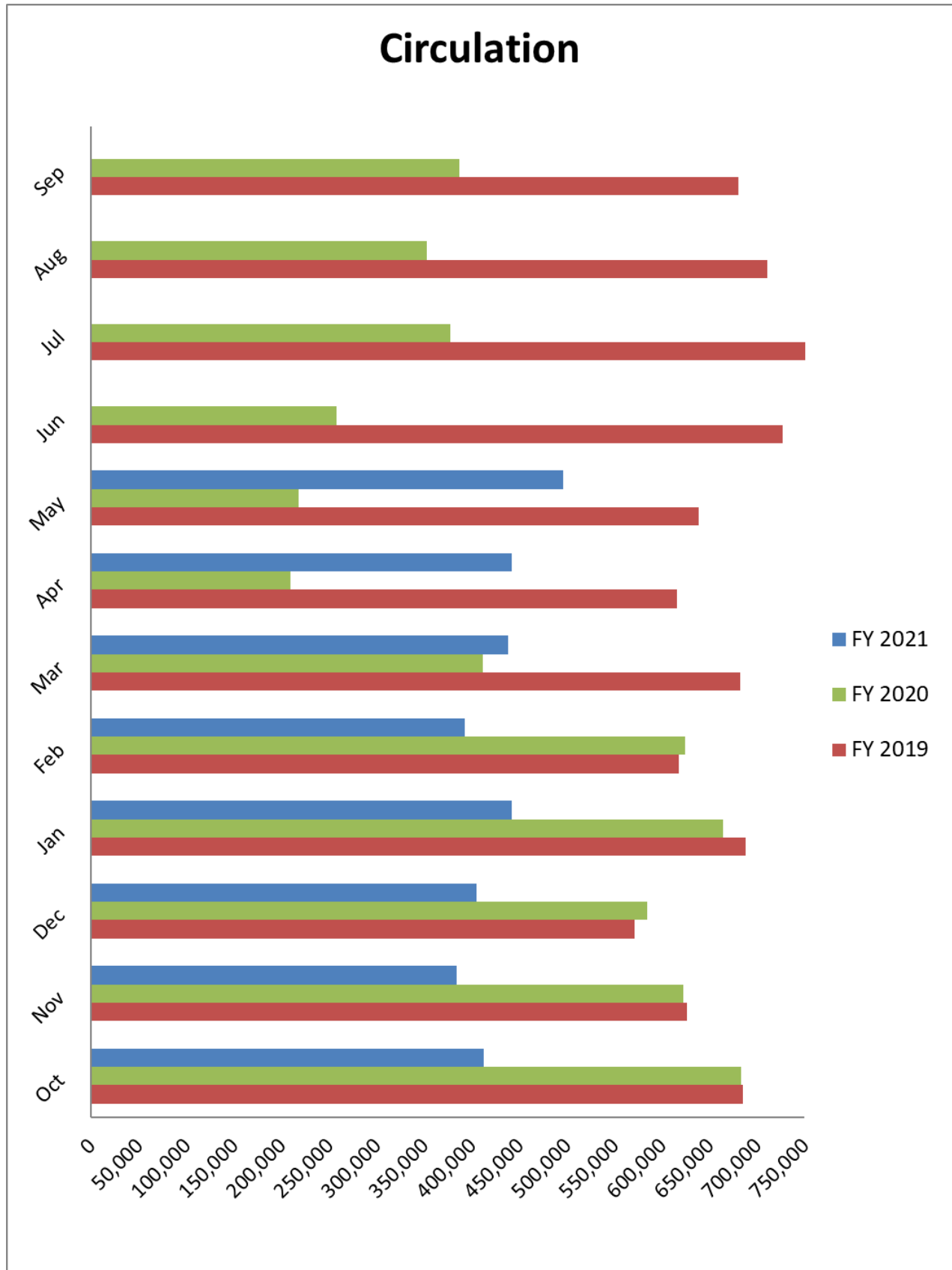
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May 2021 Programs and Attendance

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, programs are developed with a system wide approach and not by location.

Location	Total Live Programs	Number of Programs			Total Live Program Attendance	Adult Program Attendance	Teen Program Attendance	Children's Program Attendance
		Adult	Teen	Children's				
Bazan	2	2	0	0	8	8	0	0
Brook Hollow	2	2	0	0	20	20	0	0
Carver	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Central	72	66	0	6	283	0	0	283
Cody	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Collins Garden	8	1	0	7	570	6	0	564
Cortez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Encino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forest Hills	1	1	0	0	5	5	0	0
Great Northwest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guerra	21	2	0	19	1,309	18	0	1,291
Igo	9	9	0	0	74	74	0	0
Johnston	2	0	0	2	12	0	0	12
Landa	3	3	0	0	16	16	0	0
Las Palmas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maverick	4	0	4	0	12	0	12	0
McCreless	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	2	0	2	0	24	0	24	0
Pan American	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parman	4	2	0	2	20	8	0	12
Potranco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pruitt	24	6	12	6	460	130	200	130
San Pedro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schaefer	3	2	0	1	29	16	0	13
Semmes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thousand Oaks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tobin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westfall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kampmann Portal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little Read Wagon	8	0	0	8	159	0	0	159
System	97	36	35	26	1,030	313	293	424
TOTAL	262	132	53	77	4,031	614	529	2,888

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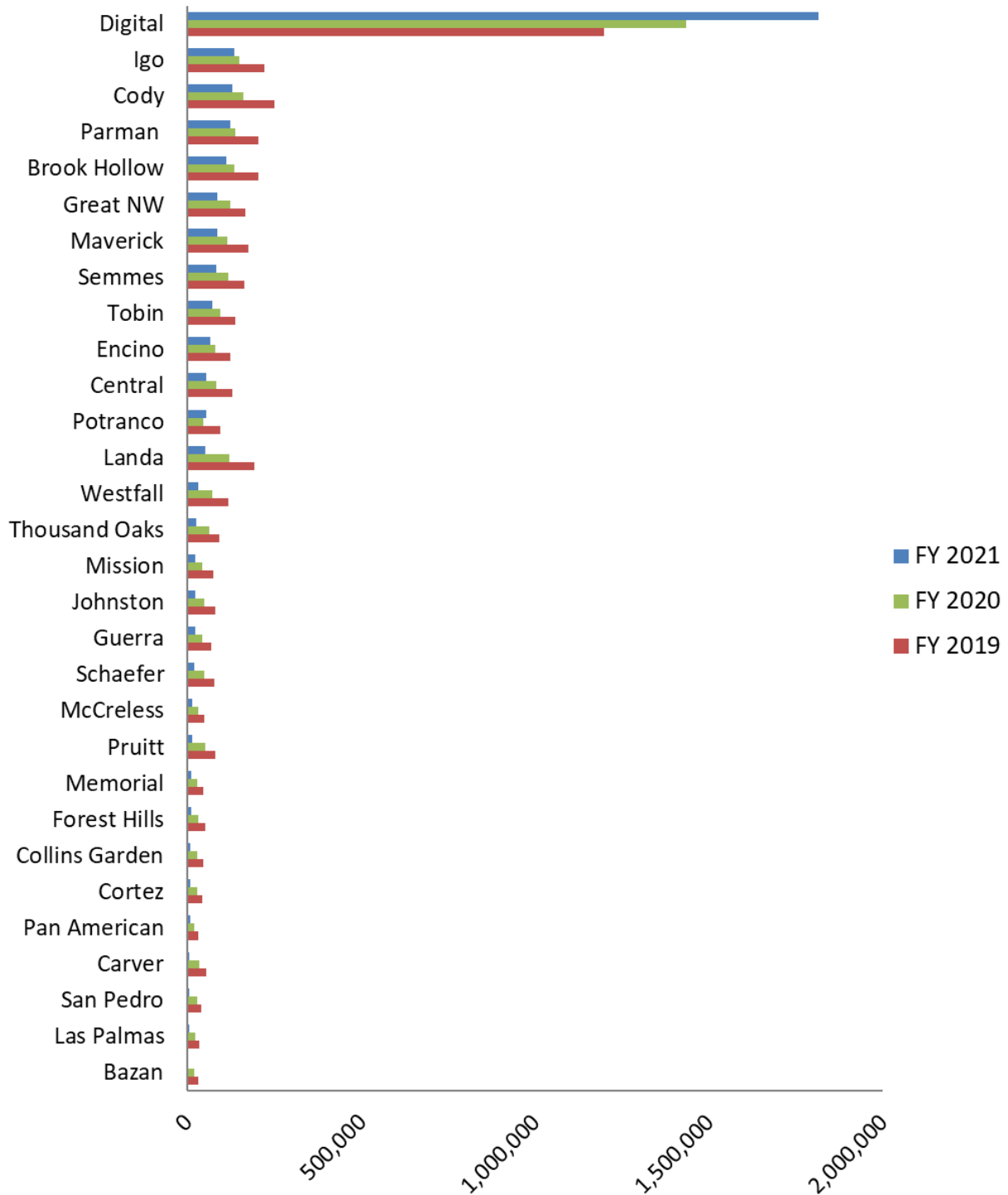
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FY 19: Central Oct 27 at 2pm, Great Northwest Apr 15-May 5, Semmes May 1-26

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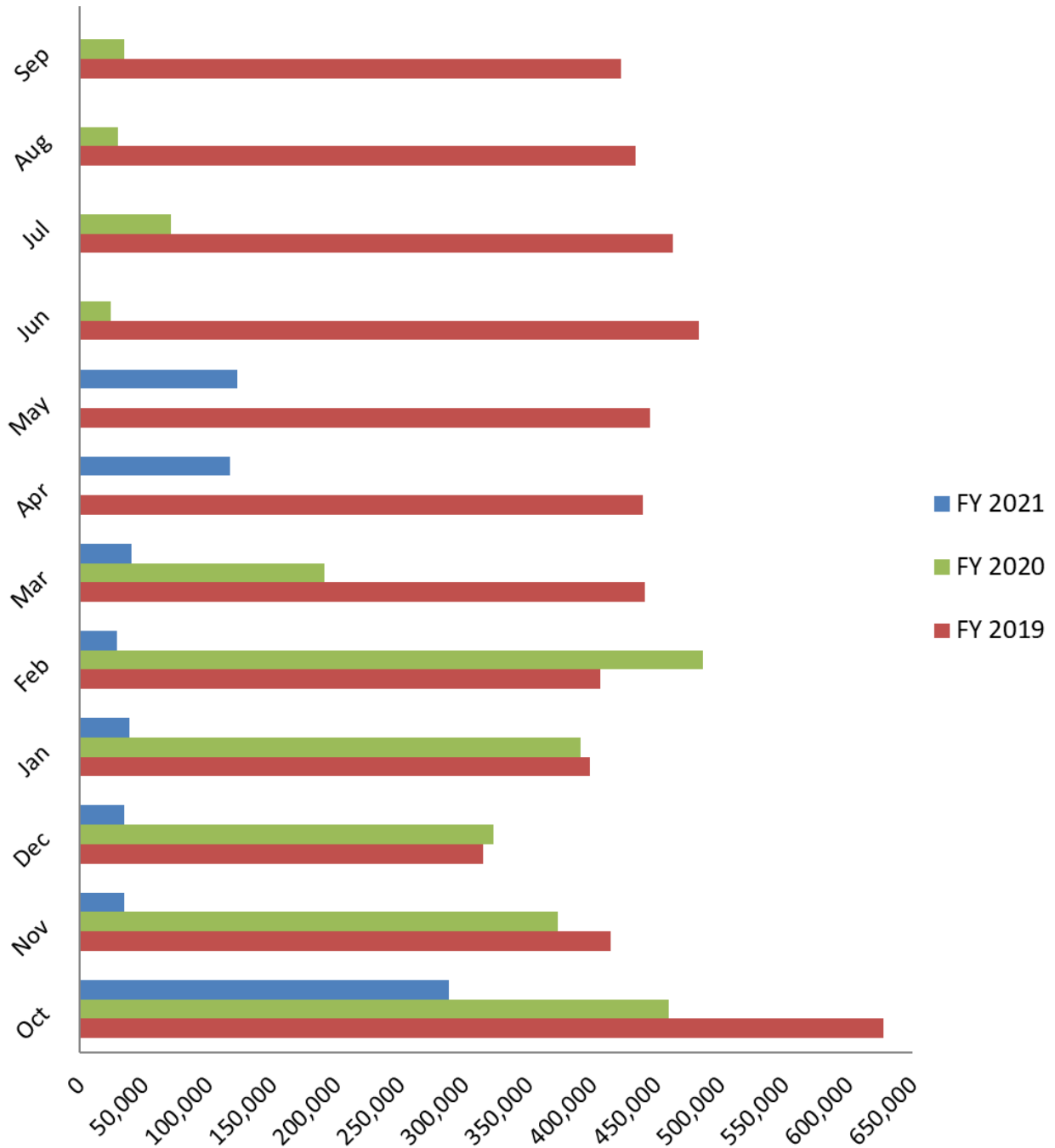
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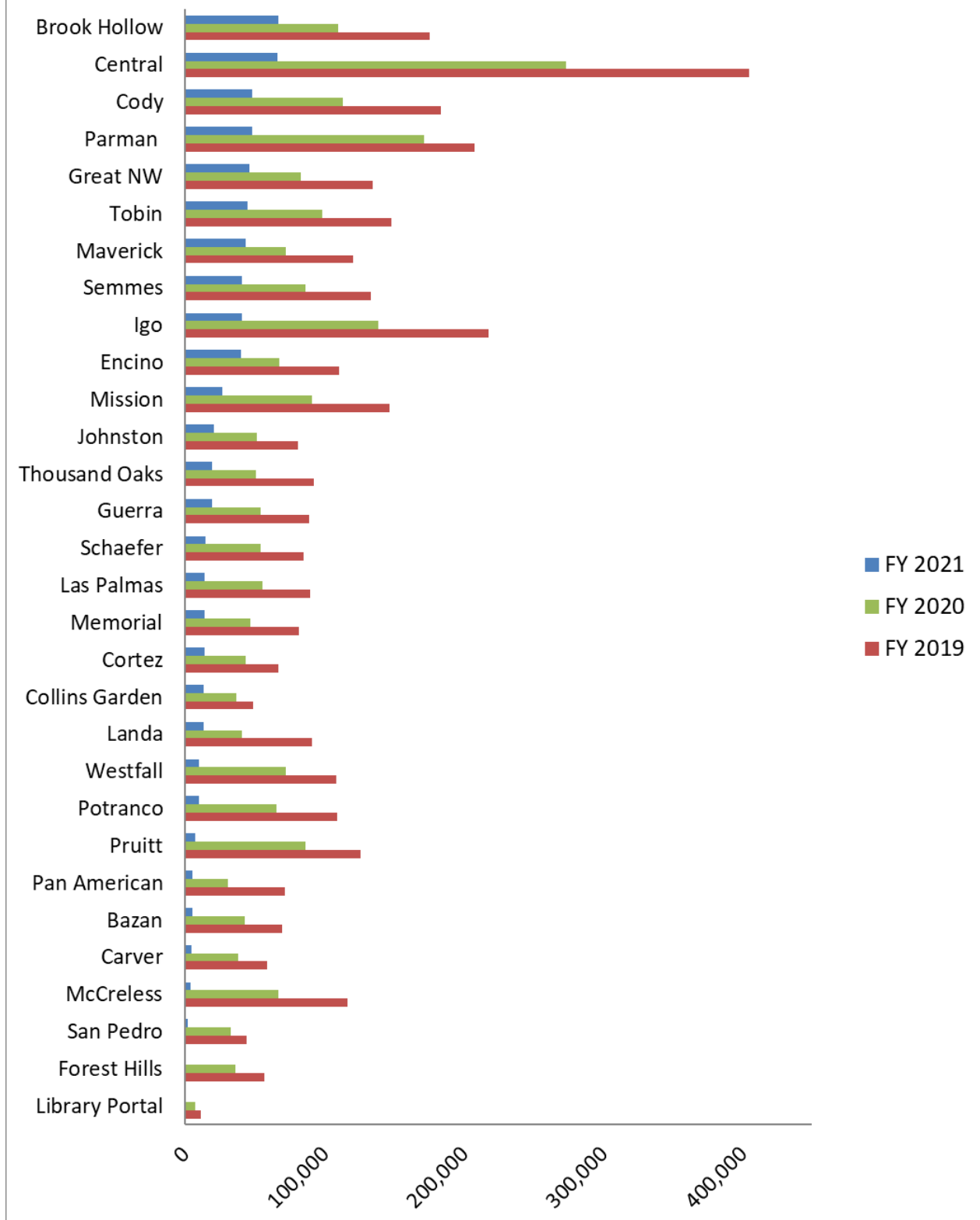
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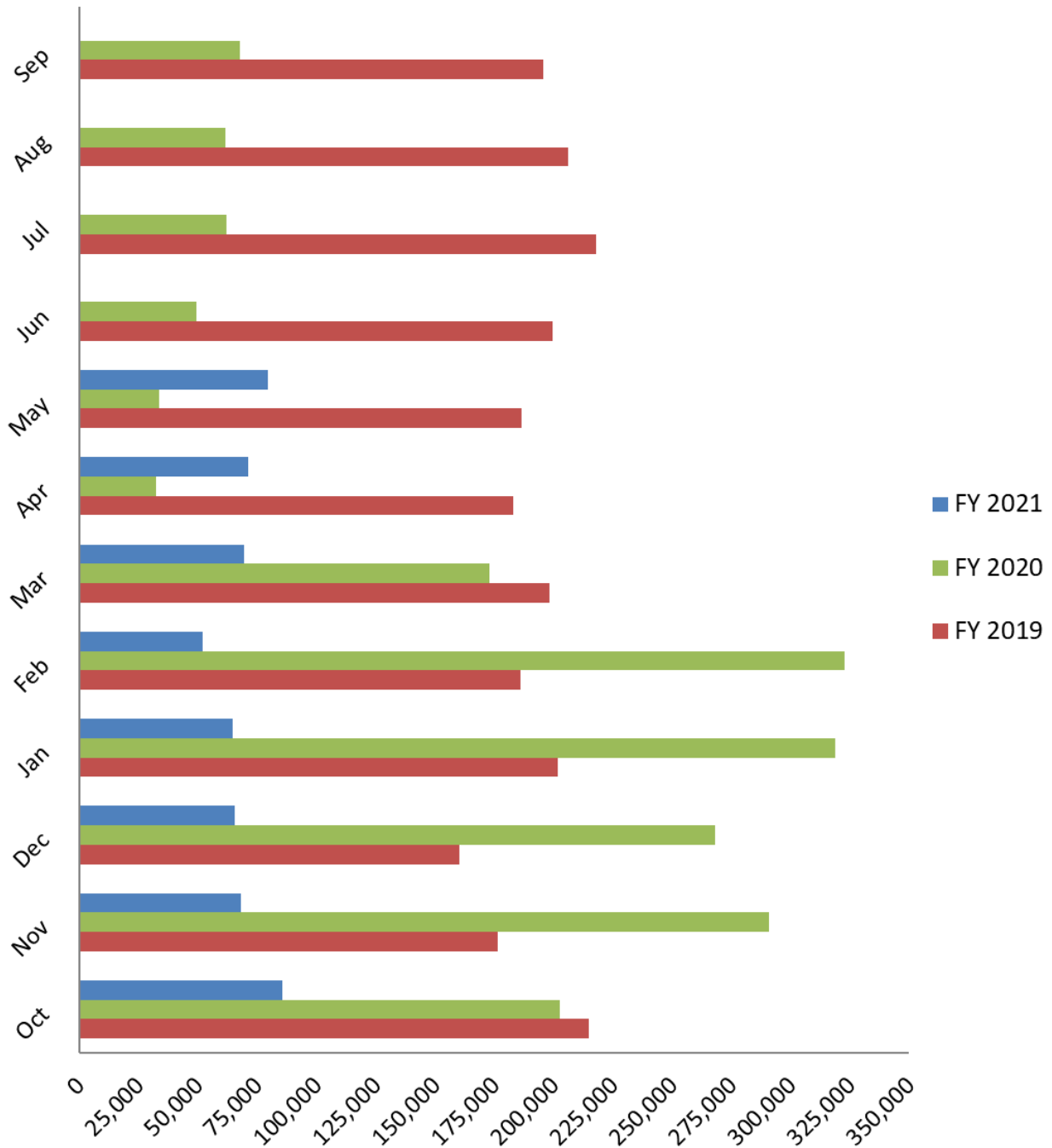
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Hours of Computer&Wi-Fi Use



*Combined measure of Public Computers Hours of Use and Wi-Fi Hours of Use

1) Beginning December 12, 2018 - unlimited time on public computers when no one is waiting

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Dial-a-Story – A free service which allows patrons to call San Antonio Public Library to have a children's book read to a child over the phone.

Esports – Video-gaming competitions over a variety of game titles

LibGuide – Individual pages or guides created through San Antonio Public Library's LibWizard system.

LibWizard – San Antonio Public Library's content management system used to curate knowledge and share information, organize programs and subject-specific resources.

MobilCirc – Mobile application provided through SirsiDynix for Android, and iOS. Allows users to check out items, register users, process holds, and perform inventory.

SirsiDynix Symphony – San Antonio Public Library's integrated library system.

STEAM - Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

Take-and-Make – Crafts prepared for patrons by San Antonio Public Library librarians and distributed at various branches.

Trumba – San Antonio Public Library's events calendar.

Webex – Videoconferencing application used by San Antonio Public Library.